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JF&CS examining future of project for Orthodox

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS) is putting out feelers in the Orthodox community to determine whether its two-year-old pilot Orthodox Outreach Project should continue.

The service is slated to wind up at the end of March unless sufficient interest is shown by Orthodox Jews who want it to go on, says project coordinator Avraham Friedman.

The project was launched in April, 1991 because it was long felt that Orthodox Jews were reluctant to use an established communal agency in order to tackle a personal problem, Friedman said.

Often, the Orthodox turn inward when a family or social problem arises, or to their rabbi. "There's a real sense of privacy within the Orthodox community when it comes to personal issues," Friedman told *The CJN*. "And there's a reluctance to deal with secular people."

As well, clients may be concerned about whether their lifestyle will be understood and whether guidance would be contrary to their religious values, he added.

Friedman points out that the program has been actually geared toward the ultra-Orthodox, as mainsteam Orthodox Jews tend not to shy away from JF&CS.

Both Friedman and another social worker attached to the project, Selma Elzas, are Orthodox.

Since the project's inception, over 100 clients have been serviced in areas like parent/child relations, marital issues, relationships with aging parents and in-laws and individual counselling.

Other agencies with which JF&CS networks, such as Jewish Vocational Services and the Reena Foundation, have co-operated in responding to the special needs of the Orthodox community, Friedman said.

The project's steering committee, composed of rabbis Yakov Hirschman, Moshe Lowy, Akiva Stefansky and Yitzchok Kerznel, as well as Moshe Kesten, a past president of JF&CS, and Gordon Wolfe, the agency's executive director, was formed to ensure co-operation within the framework of halacha (Jewish law).

To date, the project has also implemented the following programs:

- recruitement and training of 11 women from various organizations in the Orthodox community to provide leadership, education and guidance in the area of Jewish family life.
- professional development workshops for teachers at Bais Yakov Elementary School, Yeshiva Yesodei HaTorah, Bobov Cheder and Lubavitch Cheder.
- training and orientation for volunteers of Bikur Cholim men's group.
- and exploring housing options for developmentally challenged adults in the Orthodox community.

The project has also done successful outreach to Toronto's Orthodox rabbis to encourage them to refer congregants with problems to the agency. Often, Friedman noted, rabbis are "overwhelmed" with pastoral counselling.

To comment on the project, call Friedman at (416) 638-7800, ext. 293 or Selma Elzas at ext. 298, send a fax to (416) 638-7953 or write to: Orthodox Outreach Project, JF&CS, 4600 Bathurst St., Willowdale, M2R 3V3.

Israeli, Canadian teens debate Jewish unity

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO —

Jewish unity and the relationship between Israeli and Diaspora Jews was the subject of an intense debate recently. Five teens who represented Israel in an international debating contest stopped in Toronto on their way home from Medicine Hat, Alta., where the contest was held. The Israeli team placed ninth out of 25 countries.

Along with their coach, Lorna Berlin, an olah from South Africa, the Israeli team was invited by Canadian Young Judaea (CYJ) and Hashomer Hatzair to discuss Jewish Unity: Are We One? with four young Canadian Jews. Humorist and author Allan Gould moderated the public forum held at the Zionist Centre.

Dor Skuler, an articulate, quiet-spoken high school student, discounted the premise for the debate: "It's not a question of, 'Are the Jewish people one?' because that's so obvious. The question is, 'How much are the Jews in Israel supposed to let the Jews of the Diaspora influence their decisions'?"

As a "spark" for discussion, Gould chose key quotes from Israeli journalist Matti Golan's controversial book *With Friends Like You: What Israelis Really Think About American Jews*. Golan has argued that Israeli and North American Jews are not partners, and that American Jews do not share Israel's burden because they don't live there.

"I believe people have to go live in Israel," Skuler said. "I believe every Jew should at least go and visit Israel not only to see it but to contribute to tourism and to help the economy in Israel. If you decide you cannot live or do not want to live in Israel, try to have some kind of bond between your economy and Israel's."

Israeli team member Orin Schefler, who spent most of his early years outside Israel, took a harder line. "You can't experience these [North American] luxuries and call yourselves Zionists," he said. "We give our lives for this country."

The army is a particularly important issue for young people in Israel, explained Israeli student Elinor Perach, because it plays such a key role in their lives at this age.

"I feel I'm being slammed because of where I was born," said Philip Shoore, program director for Hashomer Hatzair.

CYJ counsellor Anthony Wolf, a 17-year-old high school student, cautioned that an all-or-nothing attitude would be divisive. He explained that he sees the role of the Diaspora Jew as exposing the world to Judaism and standing as representatives of the Jewish religion. "It would be isolationary if all the Jews lived in Israel," he said.

Yona Shemtov, also a CYJ counsellor and high school student, sees Zionism as a way of strengthening her love for Israel and understanding more about Judaism.

"If Israel weren't there, I'd be working for it now. That's what makes me a Zionist," said Naomi Ulpian, policy advisor for Network Canada.

Risa Epstein-Gamliel, CYJ's national executive director, spoke of her own 2 1/2-year "attempted aliyah." She reminded the speakers that life is not all black and white, and that there can be a multitude of reasons for staying in Israel or leaving.

Life in Israel is not always easy, the Israeli students agreed, but the benefits outweigh the disadvantages. "We don't have a perfect life, but I think we appreciate our life more than those in the Diaspora," said Itay Rom. "As a 16-year-old Israeli, all I know is I cannot live anywhere else. When I see a Jew leaving Israel, I am sad, but there's no point in being angry."

Israel is not just a country, said Perach. "It's a way of life. We want to share the life with you, not only the obligations. Israel isn't only army and money. You have to feel Israel, smell Israel, hear Israel. Even the birds sing differently there."

"I think our differences can be overcome," said Israeli team member Nitsan Katsir, "and I think it's important that we begin working toward overcoming them right now."

Cultural centre planned for B.C.

By MAURICE LUCOW

VANCOUVER —

A Vancouver developer is planning a $12 million residential/commercial development which will house a cultural centre for Beth Hamidrash, an Orthodox Sephardi synagogue.

Eli Setton, manager of land development for United Properties, said the four-storey complex, to be known as Sixteen Willows, will comprise 24 townhouses and 45 condominium apartments. The ground level will be occupied by retailers and the cultural centre will be at basement level.

Setton hopes to have a kosher deli in one of the retail outlets and possibly community organizations in the other two retail units.

The cultural centre will occupy 4,500 square feet and will cost about $1 million, to be donated by United Properties.

Townhouses will run from 1,200 to 1,500 square feet. There will be 24 one-bedroom and 21 two- and three-bedroom suites.

Setton said there will be concessions to Orthodox Jews who want to be within easy walking distance of the synagogue.

The project still has to be approved by city hall and Setton has asked members of the Jewish community to support him in the hearings before council. If the project is approved, the company will start construction this spring with a completion date set for May 1994.

Another condominium project is planned for Jewish seniors. Oak Gardens, as the project will be known, will ha[ve] one- and two-bedroom [units] size from 790 [sq. ft.]. Oak Gard[ens] consultant Mich[ael] [in]forma[tion] Jewish [com]ere was [the] project [with] city hall. [Setton] and Oak Gardens are in the centre of the Jewish area and near most major community buildings.

Students help plan anti-racism action

TORONTO —

B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights hosted a round-table lunch last week for a small number of North York high school educators and student leaders that participants hope will be the starting point for a student anti-racism network.

Arlene Perly Rae, patron of the league's Student Human Rights Achievement Program, moderated the discussion.

Fear, ignorance and stereotyping were some of the reasons behind racism, suggested the students. "If you don't know someone, it's easy to believe horrible things about them," said a student from Ulpanat Orot.

Yet attitudes based on knowing one person can be erroneous, pointed out a York Mills Collegiate student. "I happen to fall into the stereotype of Chinese students who do very well in Math and are terrible in Phys. Ed, but I am not representative of all Chinese students," he said.

Anti-racism initiatives already undertaken include an anti-racism club at William Lyon Mackenzie Collegiate Institute, a student said. Club members discuss racism with Grade 9 students, because they feel it's important to address the issue with students who are new to the school.

Education is key, agreed the participants. Karen Mock, director of the league, noted that research done by the league has indicated that 30 percent of people are not bigoted but are susceptible to becoming bigoted if they hear racist messages. Research also indicated that 10 to 15 percent of people have bigoted attitudes, she said.

"We need the concerted effort and the energy of young people," Mock said. She is concerned that young activists may not be aware of community resources, such as the police hate crime unit, which can help them.

Seen discussing anti-racism initiatives over lunch when they met with a group of high school educators and student leaders are Rochelle Wilner, Frank Dimant, Arlene Perly Rae and Rochelle Nachman. [Debbie Cohen photo]

Recent incidents of concern at North York high schools included swastikas carved into desks and a "racially based fight over someone's girlfriend." The incidents appear to have been isolated, and students indicated that they perceive more racism in the community than in their schools.

Several black students said that they haven't experienced racism among their peers, but one student told of being "hurt bad" when a friend's mother said, "Keep that black nigger away from my daughter."

Perly Rae reminded students that accepting parents as they are is part of growing up. She also noted that the issue is not just racism, but internal conflict over losing a cultural heritage which is a source of pride.

A Canadian-born student of Trinidadian background didn't see assimilation as a problem. "I think I would just see it as bringing in more," she answered in response to Perly Rae's question of whether there would be a sense that a unique Trinidadian culture was being lost.

Several students expressed their approval of Canada's "tossed salad" approach to multiculturalism as compared to the "melting pot" attitude for which the United States is known.

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, told the students that "we must fight to guard our rights here and we must continue to fight for these rights at all times."

"It is through education we believe we can and we will and we do make a difference," said Rochelle Wilner, Ontario regional chair of the league. — F.K.

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BB leaders join in march

By FRANCIS KRAFT and MIRIAM SOBEL

TORONTO —

A candlelight march in Berlin to protest the rise of fascism in Germany was a highlight of a recent B'nai Brith Canada fact-finding mission led by BBC executive vice-president Frank Dimant. Organized at the grass roots level, the march was "a tranquil coming together" of 100,000 people, Dimant told *The CJN*. The event was given front-page coverage in German newspapers the following day.

Dimant was moved by the sincerity of young Germans he saw marching, yet he was disturbed by the anguish of foreigners in Germany who have been recent targets of neo-Nazi violence.

Talking to people in Germany gave Ian Kagedan, Ottawa-based director of government relations for B'nai Brith, a more thorough understanding of the problems the country is having with racist activity, he said.

Kagedan said he was glad to see the state taking action to curb racist activity. Special police units in Berlin, for instance, are going to the eastern part of the city to create sports leagues for teenagers who are frustrated by unemployment.

"[It gives] these kids something constructive to do which will let them release their energy and take out their frustration in a way much more safe and productive than beating up on foreigners," he said.

The delegation met with the mayor of Munich to congratulate his city for being the first in Germany to take a public stand against anti-foreigner attacks.

The churches, too, are active in anti-racist activity. "The Roman Catholic church was very quick to denounce racist incidents and express concern at any outbreak of anti-Semitism. That was very heartening," Kagedan said.

Other members of the delegation were Allen Feig, president, Toronto Metro lodge; Kurt Rothschild, president, Canadian Zionist Federation and world chairman of the Mizrachi Organization; Maurice Sadeh, member of B'nai Brith's Institute for International Affairs; and Stephen Scheinberg, national chair, B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights and professor of history at Concordia University in Montreal.

The delegation met with representatives of German government, police, and the Jewish community, including German B'nai Brith lodges. They also met with church officials, a representative of Turkish foreigners, the Israeli ambassador and a representative of the Canadian embassy.

"No doubt the anti-Semitic and anti-foreigner incidents are to be taken very seriously, but represent a minority attitude," said Rothschild, who left Germany in 1938 to study in England. The mission represented his first trip back with the exception of a one-day trip 30 years ago to visit the Cologne cemetery.

"I'm overwhelmed by the destruction of the Jewish community," Rothschild said. "I knew it as a vibrant community." Today's German community numbers 40,000, of which 10,000 are recent immigrants from Russia.

"There's no equivalent of a Bathurst Street or a Van Horne Avenue" in Germany, said Dimant, but obtaining kosher food was not a problem.

Dimant marvelled at some of the beautiful edifices belonging to the German Jewish community, including an ornate synagogue he attended in Berlin. Noting that the architecture predated World War II, he discovered that the building was originally a B'nai Brith lodge house. "It describes the grandeur of the community then," he said.

Dimant was surprised to find that he didn't feel uncomfortable wearing his kippah in Germany. "I would get more stares walking with a kippah in Florida or downtown Toronto than in Munich, Berlin and Frankfurt," he said.

"I don't think it's the same Germany that existed in 1932 or 1933," said Rothschild. "There are good and bad people in every country. I think we should cautiously accept these facts, but keep a careful eye on [problems there] and stay in touch."

Man gets 20 days for distributing 'scurrilous material'

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

A Mississauga man has been sentenced to 20 days in jail for sending "scurrilous material" through the mail to two Toronto-area MPs.

The material included newspaper clippings of reports on incidents and crimes involving racial and ethnic minorities, marked up with the comments of the sender, Brad Love.

The Crown had requested a jail sentence of from nine-to-12 months to indicated society's disapproval of Love's views. But Brampton judge Kenneth Langdon said it was not up to the court to act "as some sort of thought police," the *Toronto Star* reported.

Love has been known to Canadian Jewish Congress for a number of years, said Bernie Farber, the organization's director of community relations.

A number of politicians, ethnic groups, journalists and supporters of human rights have also received material that fits the description of the material sent to the members of parliament, Farber said.

Love is "an individual rabble-rouser" who appears to be unaffiliated with any organized radical groups, Farber said.

"We're pleased he's facing justice," Farber said, adding that "the sentence is somewhat disappointing."

Love, who was already in custody awaiting trial on assault charges, sent 20 letters to the constituency office of Mississauga MP Don Blenkarn and 38 letters to the office of External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall in late 1991 and early 1992.

Meanwhile, an 18-year-old Toronto woman with reputed ties to the white supremacist Heritage Front is facing charges of publishing defamatory libel after pamphlets that compared black men to gorillas were placed on car windshields.

Sgt. Martin Hunt, a spokesperson for District 5 of Metro Toronto Police, said the pamphlet included the name of an anti-racist organizer. Later, the home of the organizer's parents was painted with a swastika, Hunt said.

The flyers were distributed between Jan. 21 and Feb. 16.

Elise Hategan of Shuter Street, Toronto, is charged with publishing defamatory libel. She faces a maximum two-year sentence if convicted.

Lawyer seeks 'lost' landowners

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Back in the 1920s and '30s, when the British controlled Palestine under a League of Nations mandate, shlichim and private real estate developers beat the bushes throughout the Diaspora for help in financing the great Zionist enterprise of building the land of Israel.

Jews in Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and in small towns, as well as their cousins in Kiev, South Africa and Berlin, took up an offer to purchase land in Palestine, in anticipation of the creation of the state of Israel.

Today, much of that land stands vacant, as landowners have forgotten about their purchases and have often failed to tell their heirs about the parcels of property that stand in their names.

Israeli lawyer Martin (Motti) Sivin is attempting to locate property-holders and their heirs to help them reclaim — and then sell — the land that they still own.

Sivin said his research shows that a number of people from Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal purchased Israeli property in the 1920s and '30s. The land, mostly located in Holon, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Herzliya, may be worth $10 million or more, he believes. Other Canadian landowners may be descendants of Jews who purchased land while living abroad and who subsequently moved to Canada.

Much of the non-agricultural land remains vacant and unused even though it is located in prime development areas, Sivin said. Many of the buyers never thought they were making a business investment, seeing it instead as an act of philanthropy to assist in the Zionist development of Israel. As a result, they eventually forgot about the property they had purchased, Sivin said.

Some plots in desert

In the 1920s and '30s, companies like the Menorah Palestine Landselling Co. and Palestine Land & Development Co. sold thousands of parcels of land, generally about one-eighth of an acre each, for $250 or so. Some unscrupulous sellers even parted with plots that turned out to be under the Mediterranean or in the middle of the Negev Desert.

Among the legitimate purchases, Jews in Berlin acquired land around the suburbs of Haifa; Kiev Jews bought around Mount Carmel; and South Africans favored the area around Holon, which is today a suburb of Tel Aviv.

Toronto lawyer Sydney Moscoe has been acting for the family of one of those idealistic Zionists who, living at the time in Kirkland Lake, Ont., purchased land in what is now Holon. At the time of the purchase 60 years ago, the land was only sand dunes, but today is valuable real estate, he said.

Completing the legal paperwork is time-consuming and complicated, as heirs, which include great-grandnephews, must be traced and numerous documents must be completed to conform to law in Ontario and Quebec, he said.

For Jews whose ownership papers were destroyed during the Holocaust or were simply lost over time, an affidavit signed by an Israeli resident familiar with the facts of the purchase is required, Sivin said.

Sivin said he works on a commission basis when land is sold and he also receives a fee for preparing legal documentation.

He said that despite the need to clear up back taxes, most landowners still stand to make a tidy profit on the sale of their land, if it's zoned commercial or industrial. Agricultural land, on the other hand, is worth far less since it is virtually impossible to rezone, he said.

For more information, Sivin can be contacted at the Israel Development Co., 465 Empire Blvd., Brooklyn, NY, 11225, telephone and fax (718) 467-4860 or phone (800) 451-8010.

In Israel he can be reached at 95 Jabotinsky St., Apt. 10, Tel Aviv 62967, telephone and fax: 972-3-544-4738.

BBW/C helps disabled child

TORONTO —

The new year started well for a 9½-year-old disabled boy when he was presented recently with a custom-made wheelchair by the Sha'aron Chapter of B'nai Brith Women of Canada.

The boy, a student at the Zareinu Educational Centre on Bathurst Street, was the second recipient of a wheelchair in less than a year under the Tabs for Wheelchairs campaign. With his new chair, the boy can now join family, friends and schoolmates on any outing.

The Tabs for Wheelchairs campaign consists of collecting aluminum pop can tabs and selling them to recyclers. Individuals and institutions alike have participated in the campaign, among them camps Shalom and Robin Hood, Flowervale and Hillmount public schools, Queen of Heaven Separate School, Purolator Courier and the nurses of the Special Care Unit of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Dunn Avenue.

Six-year-old Eden Rosenberg made one of the largest individual contributions, donating the more than 100,000 tabs he collected with his mother. It takes hundreds of thousands of the pull tabs to make a few dollars.

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Community reacts to Bosnian tragedy

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Late in January, a jet freighter carrying more than 1,000 lbs. of winter clothes and pharmaceuticals donated by Jewish-owned businesses touched down in Zagreb en route to the former Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. An even larger shipment of 4,000 lbs. of clothing may be sent in the next few days.

Last December 10 — International Human Rights Day — a broad coalition of Jewish, Muslim and Christian groups sent a letter to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney urging him to take a leadership role in stopping the tragedy unfolding in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

In North Toronto, Temple Har Zion and the neighboring Jaffari Islamic Centre joined forces to write to the United Nations and External Affairs, asking for action to save the Muslim people in Bosnia.

And in individual synagogues and temples, as well as churches and mosques, congregations devoted themselves recently to a special weekend of prayer for all the victims of violence in Bosnia.

Amid reports of "ethnic cleansing," "rape camps" and wholesale atrocities in the wartorn republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina, a number of Jewish organizations have mobilized in an effort to alleviate the suffering of the victims and to raise their voices against human rights violations.

Canadian Jewish Congress in conjunction with the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the American Joint Distribution Committee, spearheaded the recent clothing and pharmaceutical delivery.

Congress, which has maintained a policy of political neutrality and opposition to the atrocities, has expressed its views to representatives of all warring factions, said communications director Mike Cohen.

The organization also played a key role in arranging the immigration of Jewish refugees from Sarajevo, Cohen added.

Mindful of Canada's sorry record in allowing the entry of Nazi war criminals, B'nai Brith has called on the government to ensure that Canada does not become a safe haven for mass murderers and that Canada take the lead in advocating justice for Yugoslav war criminals.

In August, B'nai Brith launched its own clothing drive, collecting five tons of winter wear that was sent to Bosnia under the auspices of Global Ed-Med Supplies and in co-operation with the Bosnian & Herzegovinian Relief Fund.

In November, B'nai Brith joined in an interfaith coalition which urged the prime minister to speak out against the tragedy in Bosnia. The group also included the Canadian Council for Conservative Judaism, the Canadian Council of Reform Judaism (CCRJ), the Canadian Council of Churches, the Islamic Society of North America, the Synagogue Council of Greater Montreal and the Vaad Harabanim of Toronto.

Stephen State, co-ordinator of the CCRJ's national social action committee, said the coalition adopted a three-point advocacy plank: it would call for relief for the victims on site; it would ask that Canada increase the numbers of refugees allowed into the country; and it would urged the government to push for a just resolution of the conflict.

Most recently, B'nai Brith condemned the mass rape of women and backed Canada's call for a special UN inquiry into violence against women and children. The Jewish group also urged the Canadian government to call on the UN to explicity recognize rape as a war crime and to establish a war crimes court with sufficient resources and powers to bring to justice those responsible.

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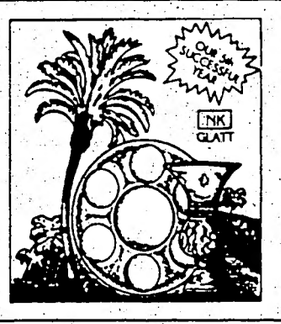

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Shabbat Zachor recalls death of six young Syrian Jews

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO —

Judy Feld Carr is hoping against hope that this year's Shabbat Zachor, to take place in synagogues across Canada March 6, will be her last.

"I'm hoping with all my heart and soul that we won't have to have another," says Carr, the tireless chair of the National Task Force for Syrian Jews.

Shabbat Zachor is the annual Sabbath of remembrance for Jews living in oppressive countries. On that day, Jews pray for the destruction of Amalek, the archetypal enemy of the Jewish people throughout the ages.

And since its inception in 1975 at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation, Shabbat Zachor pays specific attention to the embattled Jews of Syria. The day also marks the yahrzeit of six young Syrian Jews murdered by authorities who caught them trying to escape in 1974.

Sisters Mazal, Laura and Farah Sebbagh, their cousin Eva Saad, Natan Shaya and Kassem Abadi were betrayed by their Arab smugglers, who had been paid to spirit them across the border into Lebanon.

Mazal Sebbagh

The girls were reportedly raped, killed and their mutilated bodies placed in sacks and dumped on the doorsteps of their parents in Damascus's Jewish quarter, with a note saying, "Here are your children."

For decades, Syria's roughly 4,300-member Jewish community was prohibited from emigrating and subject to state-sanctioned harassment and intimidation. Mail and telephone calls were monitored. Jews could not vote or hold high office. A Jew who traveled abroad had to post a bond and leave behind family members. A special section of the feared secret police was created to watch the Jews.

But last spring, Syrian dictator Hafez Assad relaxed rules on travel to permit Jews to visit other countries, except Israel. In the months following, nearly 3,000 Jews left on travel visas, mainly to Brooklyn and its large Syrian Jewish emigre community.

Laura Sebbagh

However, last October, Syria stopped issuing exit permits for no apparent reason.

And now, the country is "closed solid," Carr said.

"They are just not giving the visas. Nobody knows why. The Syrians are saying they haven't changed their policy but that's just not true."

Indeed, late last year, Syria's ambassador to the United States and Canada, Walid al-Moualem, said Jews are still free to leave the country.

Today, there are 1,448 Jews left in Syria, 1,180 in Damascus, 150 in Aleppo and 118 in Qamishli. The remnants of the community still live in fear because they don't know the regime's intentions, Carr said.

Those who have left were allowed to take only $2,000 (U.S.) with them and had to leave behind all properties, possessions and businesses.

Jews are still not allowed to emigrate and are subject to state-sponsored harassment, Carr pointed out.

She said she's received reports from Damascus that Palestinian families have taken over some of the homes of Jews who are abroad.

Farah Sebbagh

Compounding the Jews' misery is that the fact that Syria's only mohel left the country months ago.

To date, eight Jewish boys have been born and they are uncircumcized. "This is a real problem," Carr stated.

While Carr is hoping all Jews will be out of Syria before next year's Shabbat Zachor, she cautions that international pressure on Assad is dwindling.

Because fewer Jews are left in the country and Syria scored public relations points by relaxing its rules, the West is paying less attention to the problem.

Eva Saad

Carr is calling on all Canadians to keep up pressure by contacting their members of Parliament and urging External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall to raise the issue when she is scheduled to visit Syria, Jordan and Israel sometime this spring.

Natan Shaya

As well, Carr said the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands continues to give material aid to Jews in Syria.

This year's Shabbat Zachor service at Beth Tzedec Congregation, to begin at 9 a.m., will feature guest speaker Itzhak Shelef, Israel's Ambassador to Canada, and a special performance by Cantor Jo Amar, one of the world's leading Sephardi cantors.

Rasky known for devotion to craft

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA —

It's with a great deal of sadness that I have learned of the death of my friend and former colleague, Frank Rasky.

Frank was a newspaperman of the old school, who could handle any kind of story and do any type of work involved in getting a newspaper out. He loved the business and was happiest when working on a story.

The son of a shoichet, Frank had a sound knowledge of Judaism, but like so many of us who grew up in the Depression years, he had to spend more time trying to earn a living than paying attention to religion. When we drove home together from work, he confided that he wished he had been more attentive to his inner feelings that he should be more Jewish in his thinking, and more knowledgeable of Jewish affairs, other than what he read about in our paper.

Frank went through the routine of many newspeople of his day. He worked for The Canadian Press, where he got his basic training, travelled to Vancouver to work on the *Vancouver Sun*, which was the home of many of our leading Canadian journalists, came back to Toronto to work on the *Star and on The Canadian*, the weekly magazine insert of the *Star*.

His peripatetic career also embraced the Globe and Mail, the *Windsor Star* and the *New York Herald-Tribune*. In the 1950s, he was editor of *Liberty* magazine, a publication that contained news articles, features and personality profiles.

When he came to work for *The CJN*, we used his expertise in every phase of the paper: reporting, copy editing, production and most of all, advice. He was with us during the boom '80s and specialized in what he like most: coverage of show business and the cultural scene.

Even while he spent many hours a day (and night) working at *The CJN*, he had time to write books, the latest of which was *Just A Simple Pharmacist*, a biography of Murray Koffler, who had been a friend for more than 50 years. As a matter of fact, Frank even served a one-year apprenticeship in pharmacy.

When I left Toronto, he was working on the biography of ballerina Celia Franca.

He loved Canada and especially the far North, which he visited frequently. He wrote two books about his travels, *The Taming of the West* and *The North Pole or Bust*.

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Frank Rasky succumbed to cancer on Saturday, Feb. 20, at Sunnybrook Health Science Centre in Toronto. He was 70.

He leaves his wife Brenda, daughter Deena, son Franklyn, sisters Pearl, Dorothy, Rose and brothers Sam, Ed, Harry and Norman and brother-in-law Samuel Dolin.

Seven die in Israeli road mishaps

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel's dismal record of traffic accidents claimed seven more lives last week.

Two soldiers and five civilians were killed and 33 other civilians injured in a number of unrelated road accidents throughout the country and in Israeli-controlled areas of neighboring Lebanon.

Sgt. Nir Dovev, 19, of Holon, a tank commander in the Israel Defense Force, was killed Thursday night while on night patrol along the northern edge of the southern Lebanon security zone.

Dovev was traveling with his head and shoulders outside the vehicle, directing his driver as he reversed along a difficult section of track, when the tank slithered off the roadway and overturned, throwing him outside and killing him instantly.

Three tank crew members riding within the vehicle sustained only scratches and bruises.

In another accident, Cpl. Sasson Levy, 20, of Kiryat Ata was killed in an army camp in the Jordan Valley on Friday morning when, although not having a driving licence, he volunteered to take a mechanics squad elsewhere in the camp to repair a faulty vehicle.

While returning the command car back to his own post, he overturned the vehicle and was pinned underneath.

Army sources noted he was not wearing a helmet as demanded by IDF regulations.

Levy was declared dead when he was removed from the damaged vehicle.

Five civilians were killed on the outskirts of Beersheba early Sunday morning. All of the dead were members of the Bedouin El Assima tribe of the northern Negev.

They were traveling in a small Subaru van along the road leading westward from the Negev capital toward Ofakim when the driver sought to overtake another vehicle along a stretch of single-track roadway.

The Subaru ran headlong into an oncoming heavy semi-trailer fuel tanker which plowed right over it, crushing it and the passengers into a mass of broken metal and flesh and bones.

Rescuers worked for hours to cut open the twisted metal to extricate the bodies.

Of the 33 passengers injured in five other accidents, 23 passengers in a tour bus suffered light to moderate injuries when their bus overturned on the Rosh Pina-Kiryat Shmona road near the Nebi Yosha intersection. It was the third accident on this stretch of road in a week.

Of the previous two crashes, both involved an overturned vehicle.

Two other accidents involved newly licensed drivers, and a third a drunken driver.

Deri answers police questions in fraud case

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Interior Minister Arye Deri agreed for the first time last week to answer police questions about his alleged involvement in fraudulent activities that have been the subject of a nearly three-year-long investigation.

Deri was interrogated at the national police headquarters in Jerusalem for the first day of question-and-answer sessions expected to continue for several weeks.

Deri, who until now has insisted on his right to silence and refused to cooperate with police, is suspected of having transferred public funds illegally to religious organizations affiliated with Shas, the Orthodox Sephardic party which he heads.

Police also have questioned Deri's personal financial transactions.

The investigation's result may have significant political repercussions, given the governing coalition's reliance on Shas as a partner.

Other Shas figures are also under investigation for suspected fraud.

Police ended Deri's questioning Thursday after four hours, allowing him to return to his wife, who gave birth the previous day.

Police sources, as well as Deri himself, said the questioning was held in a "pleasant" atmosphere. They described this first interrogation as "the opening scene."

The sources added that with an investigation as complex as this one, no judgments could be made after just one session.

Deri told reporters he had answered all questions and did not exercise his right to remain silent. He reiterated his belief that once the investigation is over, no charges will be pressed against him.

The next questioning session was scheduled for Monday.

Israel elects chief rabbis

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

After a campaign marred by mudslinging and allegations of romantic misconduct, the nation's two new chief rabbis were elected Sunday for 10-year terms.

A 150-member council, made up of both rabbis and secular political leaders, elected Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau of Tel Aviv as Ashkenazic chief rabbi and Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron of Haifa as Sephardic chief rabbi.

Lau's victory to succeed Rabbi Avraham Shapira as Ashkenazic chief rabbi came following newspaper stories claiming Lau had engaged in improper relationships with women other than his wife.

Lau, a father of eight and a child Holocaust survivor, adamantly denied the womanizing allegations. He even filed a libel suit against one woman who claimed he had once tried to kiss her more than 10 years ago, when he was chief rabbi of Netanya, a position he held for nine years.

Lau was elected Tel Aviv Ashkenazic rabbi in August 1988, by a panel that for the first time included four women members.

The unprecedented dirty campaign that culminated Sunday prompted some Israelis to renew their calls to altogether abolish the state-sponsored institution of the Chief Rabbinate.

In the elections, Lau won 71 of the 142 valid votes cast in the battle for the Ashkenazic post and Bakshi-Doron 82 for the Sephardic one.

Rabbi Simcha Kook of Rehovot took second place with 46 votes and Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen of Haifa garnered 25 votes.

In the contest for the Sephardic post, Bakshi-Doron won 82 votes, with Rabbi Haim David Halevi of Tel Aviv coming second with 37 ballots and Rabbi Reuven Abergil of Beersheba collecting 24 votes.

The full 150-member electoral college comprises 80 rabbis and rabbinical court judges, and 70 political and public figures, including mayors, chairmen of religious councils and Knesset members.

Leaders of Shas, the Orthodox Sephardic party, greeted Bakshi-Doron's triumph as a major achievement for their party.

After the results were announced, Bakshi-Doron paid his respects to his aged mother and then led a jubilant crowd to the Jerusalem home of Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, spiritual mentor of the Shas party.

Bakshi-Doron regards himself as one of the most prominent and loyal disciples of Yosef, who himself served as Sephardic chief rabbi from 1973 to 1983.

Within Shas, Bakshi-Doron's victory is seen as a sort of victory by Yosef against the present incumbent, Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, and against the politicians who pushed for the law, passed in the early 1980s, that limited the tenure of the chief rabbis to a single term of 10 years.

The law brought to an end Yosef's own term of office. Until then, chief rabbis could be re-elected, and generally were.

Among the Labor Party, key party figures said they now expected Shas Knesset members to line up solidly behind the Labor Party candidate for president of the state, Ezer Weizman, in exchange for the support Labor members of the electoral college had given Bakshi-Doron in the chief rabbinate elections.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin met with the Labor members of the electoral college last week and instructed them explicitly to vote for Bakshi-Doron.

"I don't know much about rabbis. But I do know about keeping agreements with partners," Rabin said.

As for Lau, the new Ashkenazic chief rabbi said in his victory address that he "forgave and absolved everyone" involved in the mudslinging against him during the election campaign.

His supporters, led by his brother, Naftali Lavie, the former consul general in New York, claimed that Rabbi Shear Yashuv Cohen, his rival in the race, was responsible for spreading these slurs.

Last week, Lau sued Tel Aviv astrologist Talila Sten, who claimed in media interviews that Lau had courted her more than 10 years ago, bringing her presents and once trying to kiss her.

Lavie said Sunday, after the vote, that it was "up to the lawyers" to decide whether the suit would be pursued or withdrawn.

Lau, in an emotion-charged voice, said after the vote that he hoped for "siyata dishmaya," help from Heaven, in order, together with his Sephardic partner, to shore up the status and standing of the Chief Rabbinate.

Bakshi-Doron, too, looked forward to a period of intense efforts by both new incumbents "to draw the people near to the Torah and make it loved by them."

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World

Canadian Jewish Congress national president Irving Abella meets with Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. CJC national executive chair Charles Zaionz, national Israel Affairs Committee chair Moshe Ronen and national executive director and general counsel Jack Silverstone joined Abella in a number of high level talks recently with Israeli politicians and Canadian ambassador Norman Spector, as well as academic and media representatives.

Iran's nuclear program said threat to entire Middle East

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Iran's nuclear program endangers the entire Middle East, not just Israel, Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin told the Knesset last week.

Beilin was responding to questions about Iran's nuclear and military buildup, which has been the subject of recent accounts in the news media here.

Beilin said that although Israel's deterrent military capability is important, it is not enough to guarantee safety from Iran.

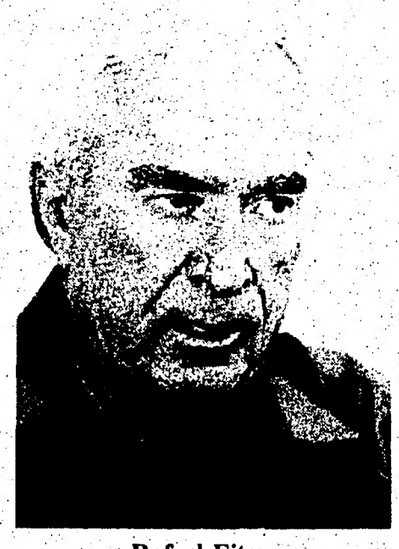
"This is dangerous because Iran is a country which regards terrorism as a legitimate tool, a country which is highly extremist and irrational, which has an interest to penetrate the Muslim republics of the former USSR," said Beilin.

There was no difference of opinion in the Knesset as to the Iranian government's nature, with Knesset members calling Iran a "crazy country" and warning that no one could tell when and who would press the red button in Teheran.

Beilin said Israel is trying to exert pressure on the West not to grant Iran any military aid. Israel also tried to convince China to refrain from aiding Iran, but the Chinese responded that their aid was earmarked for nuclear research geared toward peaceful purposes.

"I believe that our deterrence, the peace efforts and our diplomatic efforts can get us closer to an effective campaign against this phenomenon," the deputy foreign minister said.

Knesset member Rafael Eitan of the right-wing Tsomet party, a former Israel Defence Force chief of staff,



Rafael Eitan

said that one could not compare the case of Iran to that of Iraq of 1981, whose nuclear reactor was at the time wiped off the map by Israeli bombers.

In the raid on Iraq, there was one clear target. But in Iran, the nuclear industry is more complicated and spread out geographically, he said.

Eitan said that Israel alone should do its utmost to prevent the Iranians from achieving their goal, which he stated as erecting a world Islamic state, "without Israel and without Jews."

Eitan made three proposals that, in his view, could be carried out immediately. First, he argued, Israel should stop the peace process, since even if a peace agreement were reached with some Arab neighbors, the Iranian menace would not be removed.

Second, Israel should start thinning out population centers along the coastal plain where residents are very concentrated and therefore vulnerable to nuclear missile attack and resettle them in the West Bank.

Third, Israel should attack Hezbollah guerrillas, Iran's allies, in Lebanon.

Likud Knesset member Benjamin Netanyahu warned that Israeli deterrence is no longer an adequate response to the danger of the "Islamic Bomb."

He urged the government to convince the United States and other industrialized countries to stop the flow of technological equipment and know-how to Iran.

Congress delegation meets with PM Rabin

JERUSALEM —

In a meeting with a Canadian Jewish Congress delegation, led by president Irving Abella, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin welcomed the "constructive" remarks and sensitivity shown for Israel's security by Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney during his recent meeting in Washington with U.S. President Bill Clinton.

Rabin was referring to Mulroney's comments cautioning the world not to judge hastily Israel's actions concerning security matters.

Turning to the issue of recent expulsions of Hamas activists, Rabin described the Israeli initiative as a "painful but necessary decision" against terrorism but also in favor of the continuation of the peace process. The Israeli leader expressed satisfaction with the compromise hammered out with the United States and voiced optimism that the peace negotiations could restart soon.

Rabin blamed the slow pace of the negotiations on the Palestinian efforts to break away from the Madrid guidelines. He stated that the problem in the talks with the Palestinians arises from their rigid position that the only solution lies in an independent state including East Jerusalem.

In the wide-ranging hour-long meeting, the CJC leaders and the Israeli Prime Minister discussed world and regional developments, with Rabin specifically expressing deep concern over the rise of Islamic fundamentalism throughout the Middle East and North Africa. He also expressed dismay over growing anti-Semitism and racism in Western Europe.

The CJC delegqtion, which included CJC national executive chair Charles Zaionz, national Israel Affairs Committee chair Moshe Ronen and national executive director and general counsel Jack Silverstone, also discussing matters pertaining to economics, absorption and world Jewish affairs with the Prime Minister.

Abella, who was elected Congress' 13th president last May, will lead a large Congress mission April 14 to 28 to Poland and Israel as part of commemorations for the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

Court bars house demolition

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Human rights organizations have welcomed a decision by Israel's High Court of Justice to bar the demolition of the West Bank home of a convicted Arab terrorist.

But they say the decision is not likely to result in a major change of military policy.

The High Court cancelled a military order for the demolition of Mohammed Turkman's home in Jenin, saying it would cause his family "disproportionate" suffering.

Instead, the court allowed the army to seal off two of the home's three rooms, rendering them inaccessible to the nine family members living there.

Israeli and Palestinian human rights activists tepidly welcomed the move, but stressed it did not signal any change in what they describe as the army's policy of "collective punishment."

It is unclear what effect, if any, the court ruling will have on future demolition orders.

"Sealing is less harsh than demolition, which is irreversible," said Tami Bash, a researcher for B'Tselem, an Israeli information center for human rights in the territories.

"But it is still harsh and denies innocent people their homes, people who haven't been charged with anything," she said. "And, as with all collective punishment, we believe it's wrong and forbidden by international treaties."

Turkman was convicted two months ago for the October murder of an Israeli, Motti Biton, and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

A military order to demolish his house was challenged by Turkman's mother, who lives in the house with eight other family members.

Upholding the mother's petition, the justices wrote that "under these circumstances, less drastic" measures should be taken.

Usama Halabi, an Israeli Arab who is a senior attorney with the Quaker Legal Aid Center in East Jerusalem, said the decision was "something positive."

The court intervened and allowed for individual circumstances to play a role, Halabi said, and "decided the case on its merits."

But the substance of the ruling is "nothing new," he added. "The court has decided many times against demolition and in favor of sealing."

"I can't see a basic change in conception or understanding," said Halabi, pointing out that the practice continues to be allowed in other circumstances.

Both Halabi and Bash emphasized they had not read the decision and were basing their conclusions on press accounts of the case.

Deportees remain key issue

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Israel is expecting to come under pressure to make further concessions on the deportation crisis, following U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit to Arab capitals, where leaders told him Palestinians would boycott the peace talks unless the issue is resolved.

Israeli officials originally believed that a compromise deal worked out with Washington regarding the 415 Palestinians deported by Israel to Lebanon in December had taken the issue off the international agenda and paved the way for a resumption of the peace talks.

However, according to reports received from the Christopher shuttle, both Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and Syrian President Hafez Assad indicated the Palestinians would not return to the negotiations unless Israel made further concessions.

Israel has offered to take back immediately 101 of deportees and the rest by the end of the year, but the Palestinians have rejected the deal.

Mubarak reportedly demanded three concessions: that Israel announce officially it would not resort again to deportations as a punitive measure; that it would accelerate the appeal process by which deportees have an opportunity to get their deportation orders canceled; and that the deportees be allowed to stay in the Israeli-controlled security zone of southern Lebanon until they return home.

Egypt reportedly suggested that a third of the deportees be returned immediately, another third be allowed to return in April and the rest by June.

Christopher, who was to arrive in Jerusalem on Monday, was not expected to exert direct pressure on Israel for further concessions, so as not to retreat from his agreement with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

However, it was expected here that he would convey to Israel the feeling in the Arab world that without further concessions, progress in the peace talks would be slow and the Palestinians would not show up at the negotiating table.

At the end of his visit to Jordan over the weekend, Christopher said Israel should find "soon" a way of allowing the return of most of the deportees.

Officially, there has been no further change in the Israeli position on the deportees since Rabin made his compromise offer. However, Israel is reportedly weighing several gestures of good will toward the Palestinians in the territories.

Such moves might include cutting terminal fees at the Allenby Bridge, used by Palestinians families crossing between Israel and Jordan, as well as new economic policies to facilitate Palestinian enterprises.

Israeli leaders said they did not expect any progress in the peace process before Rabin visits the United States next month and meets with President Bill Clinton.

Mubarak has also been invited to meet with Clinton, but according to reports from Amman, the same invitation was not extended to Jordan's King Hussein.

Rabin said over the weekend that he expects "certain progress" to take place in the peace process "within several weeks."

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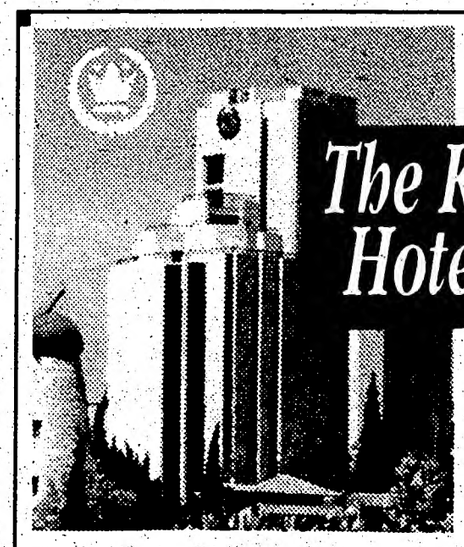

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Labor Party member claims homosexuals found in Bible

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

Labor Party enfant terrible Yael Dayan jolted Israel's delicate governing coalition last week by asserting from the Knesset rostrum that the biblical heroes David and Jonathan were homosexual lovers.

Orthodox Knesset members walked out of the chamber in protest as Dayan, speaking in a debate on gay rights, quoted from David's poem on the death of Jonathan: "I grieve for you, Jonathan my brother, you were very dear to me. Your love for me was wonderful, more wonderful than that of women." *(II Samuel 1:26)*

Dayan, daughter of the late Israeli war hero Moshe Dayan, went on to assert that the medieval sages and poets Yehuda Halevi and Shlomo Ibn Gvirol were also homosexuals.

Knesset member Yosef Azran of the Orthodox Sephardic Shas party urged the party's spiritual leader, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef, to order Shas' immediate secession from the coalition.

Yosef urged party members to remain cool, advising the Shas faction to address a strong letter of protest and warning to the prime minister.

But Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin did not wait for such a letter. He sternly warned the left flank of his party, of which Dayan is a leading figure, that any further provocation would result in the breakup of the present coalition and the formation of a new government that would include the right-wing Tsomet party and National Religious Party instead of Shas.

Presently, Labor heads a coalition with the left-wing Meretz and Shas as junior members.

Yael Dayan

A key Labor Party figure representing traditionalist circles in the party, Bet Shemesh mayor Shalom Fadida, demanded that Dayan quit the Knesset. Fadida charged Dayan with "repeatedly perverting" her mission on behalf of Labor voters.

Dayan stirred controversy last month when she met in Tunis with Yasser Arafat immediately after the Knesset rescinded the law banning Israeli citizens from meeting with officials of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In the latest uproar, Dayan maintained that the interpretation of David and Jonathan is rooted in legitimate scholarship. She cited Ilan Sheinfeld, an Israeli poet and gay rights activist, as her source.

Dayan said she had not expected to trigger a storm of protest. "There are people who can't bear the Bible being everyone's heritage, not just their own," she said.

U.S. condemns Libyan program

WASHINGTON (JTA) —

The United States has condemned the ongoing Libyan chemical weapons manufacturing program, in the wake of news reports that the North African country is building a second chemical weapons plant.

Libya's chemical weapons program has long been a source of concern to the United States because of the country's links to terrorist activity. It has also been of deep concern to Israel, particularly as the Libyan air force worked to enhance its long-range flight capability.

State Department spokesman Joe Snyder expressed concern that other countries were helping Libya with its program. He warned that any support for the program goes against a UN Security Council resolution banning any weapons-related exports to Libya.

The New York Times reported last week that Libya is now building a second chemical weapons plant that could be used to produce and store poison gas. Libya already has one chemical plant, located in Rabta, approximately 25 miles southwest of the Libyan capital of Tripoli.

Snyder said the United States is convinced the Rabta plant "remains capable of producing chemical agents."

The Times report said that the new plant, camouflaged as a water project, is located underground in a hillside near Tarhunah, about 40 miles southeast of Tripoli. Work on the plant began late last year, and the plant was expected to be operational by late this year.

Snyder would not comment on the specifics of the second Libyan plant, citing the sensitivity of the issue.

The spokesman offered congratulations to the German government, which, he said, is ensuring "that German firms do not contribute to the proliferation of chemical weapons."

He called on other nations "to follow the German example" in carefully checking exports of "dual-use chemicals and equipment that have applications in the field of chemical weapons."

German firms reportedly played a key role in helping Libya build the plant at Rabta in the late 1980s. Revelations about the German role turned into a major embarrassment for the government and spurred demands for tighter controls on export of German technology.

When asked about Germany's past role in Libya's chemical weapons industry, Snyder would not respond directly, noting only that the German government had "taken action to put a halt to that kind of activity."

Recipients of Israeli aid increase

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

Israel is providing various forms of aid to 114 countries throughout the world, including many with which Israel does not maintain full diplomatic relations, according to Foreign Ministry officials.

Since 1991, some 25 countries have been added to the list of those receiving Israeli aid. The recipients include China, India, some African and Eastern European countries, and several republics of the former Soviet Union, according to the ministry.

Details of Israel's foreign aid programs were explained by Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin and Ehud Gol, director of the ministry's Division for International Cooperation, known as Mashav.

Students from Latin American, African and Far Eastern countries have been among the international students studying in Israel under cooperative programs. Last year, 270 Egyptians took Mashav courses in Israel.

Since the establishment of Mashav division in 1957, some 65,000 people have taken government-sponsored training courses here and abroad in agriculture, medicine, education and other fields.

In addition to courses in Israel, Mashav has organized 90 similar programs abroad, in which 2,891 persons from 28 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America participated.

The department also co-ordinates 94 short-term advisory assistance programs and 28 long-term assistance programs in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Many aspects of Mashav's activities are implemented with the cooperation of the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany's Ministry of Economic Cooperation, Canada's International Development Agency, the Organization of American States and various UN agencies.

Foreign Ministry officials are particularly proud of the fact that many of those who have come to Israel for such courses have become politicians, academics, journalists, and even heads of state.

While many retain a fondness for Israel due to these experiences, some later turned on Israel — such as Uganda's Idi Amin.

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World

Historical flaws found in film

NEW YORK (JTA) —
Screening of the film, *The Liberators* for audiences of blacks and Jews around the country was intended to help build bridges between the two communities.

But that plan has been stymied, at least temporarily, by the producers' withdrawal of the film from circulation because of serious questions about its veracity.

Critics say that while the premise of *The Liberators: Fighting on Two Fronts in WWII* is true — that black soldiers were among the first to reach several of the Nazi death camps, and that their work has long been ignored both by the army and by historians — the specifics of this important chapter of history were distorted in the film.

Most importantly, according to Kenneth Stern, author of a 14-page report on the film, "the film claims, despite convincing evidence to the contrary, that the all-black 761st Tank Battalion liberated concentration camps at Buchenwald and Dachau."

Other black soldiers did indeed reach those camps soon after the Nazis were defeated; but the 761st had no role in their liberation.

They did, however, participate in liberating Gunskirchen, a sub-unit of the Mauthausen camp.

"The producers have twisted what both survivors and liberators have said," according to Stern's report. "None of the survivors are certain they remember the 761st at Buchenwald — they all remember blacks, and indeed there were blacks there," he wrote.

E.G. McConnell, a member of the battalion, worked with the producers of the film until he began believing that they were faking material, according to an article in the Feb. 8 issue of *The New Republic*.

"It's a lie," he said. "We were nowhere near these camps when they were liberated."

The film's distortions, according to Stern, program specialist on extremism and anti-Semitism at the American Jewish Committee, could provide grist for racists and Holocaust-deniers.

"It is the deniers who wait to pounce on any inconsistency in historical memory, and then repaint what occurred without care for detail," Stern wrote in his report.

In an interview, he said, "This vehicle, which could have had the right role (in correcting history), is hopelessly tarnished."

In his report, he wrote that "the tragedy of *The Liberators* is that the film has serious factual flaws, well beyond what can be written off as 'artistic licence.'

'Sloppy' errors found

"The film makes claims that are, at the most generous, negligently sloppy."

He cited what he called the film's "most glaring historical errors," which involved the liberation of Buchenwald.

In the film, a narrator describes a scene in which "two veterans of the 761st Tank Battalion returned to Buchenwald with Ben Bender, who had been imprisoned there as a boy."

"In fact," wrote Stern, "as the producers acknowledged to me, neither (of the veterans) were ever in Buchenwald before the filming of the scene."

The film had a highly publicized screening in late December, when about 1,200 blacks and Jews watched it at New York's historic Harlem theater, the Apollo.

Afterwards, there was an emotional embrace between survivors, including some of those liberated from death's grasp by the black American soldiers they called "black angels," and black and Jewish leaders, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

At the event, Jackson announced plans to show the film to black and Jewish audiences in 25 cities around the country.

The producers have said the documentary will not be shown on television or at public gatherings while under review, and that video copies will not be sold.

Jackson was not available for comment after the film was withdrawn, but he told the *Jewish Telegraphic Agency* that the inaccuracies had not changed his plans to show the film in Los Angeles in March, and in other cities.

"I do not think the debate weakens the message," he said. "If the message is that some blacks got to some camps while the stench of burning bodies was still in the air, that's a fact. Fortunately we have witnesses to testify to that.

"The film is not the central issue," he said. "The message is of our relationship in World War II and since, and our challenge to go beyond that."

According to Eva Fogelman, a founder of the Jewish Foundation for Christian Rescuers and a contributing producer of the film, criticizing the details of the documentary does irreparable damage to its overall message.

"The effect that all this has is that all the work that has been done in getting survivor testimony and other eyewitness accounts over the last 10 years is really going to be undermined," she said.

"Historians should review all of the material and come out with new research on the role of blacks in the military and in the liberation," she added. "This is not a job for community workers or for journalists."

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דער טעלער.

מיט אַ יידן איז גוט קיגל צו עסן,
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בליי־גיסער; ראש השנה אַ שופר בלאָזער.

א יהודישער תענית איז אַ קילער תשעה באָב.

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מען זיך נישט ווינטשן קיין בעסערס.

נחת פון קינדער איז טייערער ווי געלט.

ווען די קינדער זיינען יונג, דערציילן די
עלטערן זייערע חכמות; אז זיי ווערן
עלטער, דערציילן די קינדער זייערע
עלטערנס נאַרישקייטן.

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ווייל קיינער וועט נישט גלויבן.

אויף אַן אייגן קינד, זיינען די עלטערן בלינד.
פון פינף טעכטער, פאַרגייט דאָס געלעכטער.
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אז אַ מוטער שרייט אויפן קינד ממזר,
מעג מען איר גלויבן.

דאָס עפּעלע פאַלט נישט ווייט פון בוימעלע.

ביי אַ מאָלער קען אלץ געמאָלט זיין.

שווער זיך צען מאָל, וועל איך דיר גלויבן
אַז א שבועה.

נישט אזוי מאַכט זיך, ווי עס ווילט זיך.

נאַרישקייט און שטאָלץ וואַקסן אויף אין האָלץ.

אַז מען וואָלט זיך צוגעהערט צו נאַראָנים,
וואָלט די וועלט געהאַט אַ בעסער פנים.

א בייטל אָן געלט איז בלויז א שטיק לעדער.

א הערינג קען זיין געזונ פאַר צען פארשוין,
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דריי זאַכן וואַקסן איבערנאַכט: פראָצענט, דירה־
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Name Game

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in The CJN.

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THOM

Laurence Colm, of Toronto, poses a difficult question about the origin of the maiden name of his grandfather's mother — Thom. To make it a little tougher he believes that the name was interchangeable with Thon.

The Hebrew word "thom" has a variety of meanings. It may mean pious, sincere, whole and perfect. It also describes the third of the four children referred to in the Haggadah (Passover ritual) who was naive.

There is another theory that it derives from the Hebrew word "theom" — twin and was given to children born in the zodiac period of Gemini (Latin for twins).

The zodiac in Hebrew is "mazel" — good luck, and was adopted hopefully for a lucky future like the Jewish names Glick (luck) and Gluckstern (lucky star).

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CLAVIR — KLAVIER

Toronto had a family named Clavir, which I automatically associated with the German word for piano — Klavier — a symbol of culture.

Regretfully, I have concluded that the origin of the name is more prosaic. It denotes a resident of the West German town of Kleve in Nordheim Westfalen near the Dutch border.

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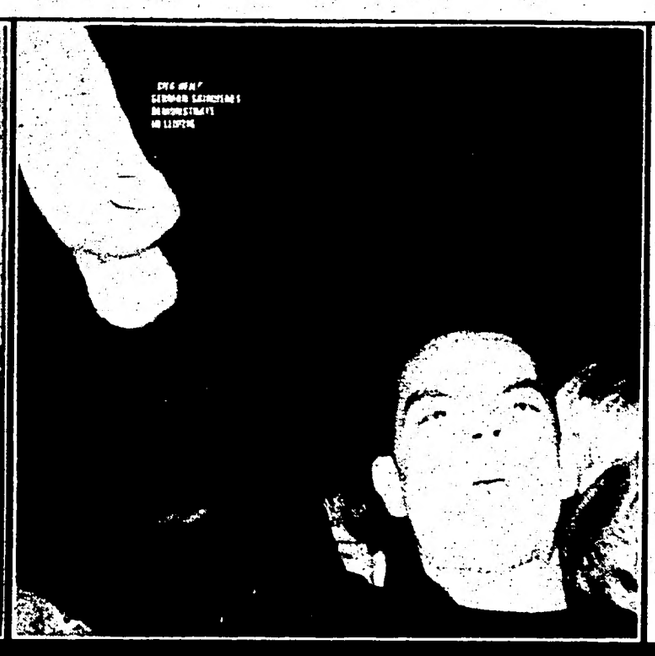

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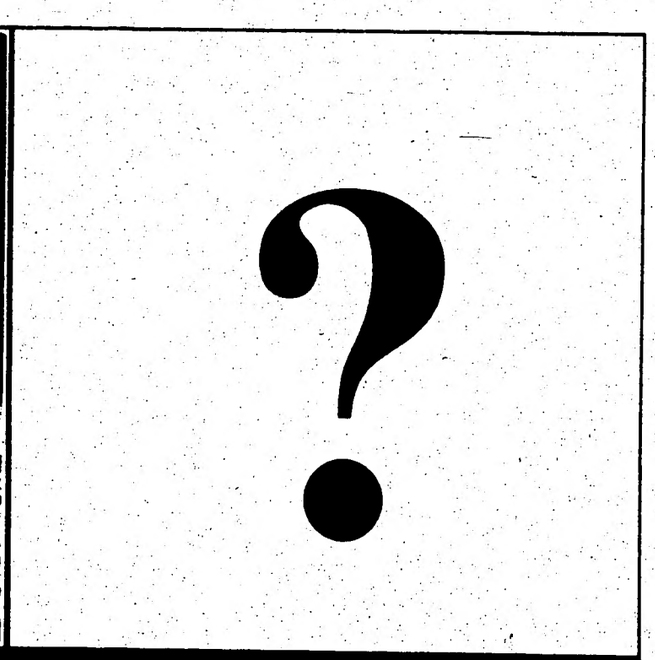

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The News in Brief

Joint memorial rejected

BONN — The German Jewish community has rejected a plan to erect a joint memorial to victims of Nazism and Stalinism, at the site of the former concentration camp of Sachsenhausen.

The plan, initiated by the state government of Brandenburg, calls for a memorial that would be in two parts, each dedicated to a separate group of victims.

The Jewish community chairman, Ignatz Bubis, said in Potsdam that some of the victims of Stalinism were themselves Nazi criminals who had earlier brought death and agony to Jews and others. He pleaded for completely separate memorials in order to avoid "mixing up" different events and different crimes.

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Negligence ruled out in deaths

TEL AVIV — An Israeli air force training accident that resulted in the deaths of two soldiers last August was not the cause of negligence, breach of regulations or technical malfunction, according to an intensive army investigation.

The accident, which received much media attention at the time, was essentially described as a fluke, a "unique event, with no precedent in Israel or abroad.

The men who were killed, who were part of a special air rescue unit and engaged in simulated operation, were being hoisted up by cable from the ground into a helicopted when the cable snapped.

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Police hired neo-Nazis

BONN — The Berlin Volunteer Reserve Police has for years hired known neo-Nazi activists, a top municipal official and a spokesman for a far-right group have both confirmed.

The ultrarightists deliberately joined the force, known as the FPR, in order to get select information and practice using arms, it was reported.

The information was confirmed here by Armin Jaeger, a top official of Berlin's Interior Department, and by Thomas Salomon, the Berlin spokesman of the National Democratic Party, a right-wing group.

Jaeger said that a recent inquiry ordered by the department revealed a "deplorable, totally unaceptable" situation.

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Charges dropped in Nazi case

SYDNEY, Australia — Ivan Polyukhovich, the first Australian charged under 1988 Nazi war crimes legislation, will face only two of the remaining four charges against him, his defense lawyer has announced.

Polyukhovich, 76, had been slated to face two trials in the South Australian Supreme Court, with the first starting March 1.

The director of Public Prosecution has now dropped the charges that would have been heard in the second trial, alleging Polyukhovich murdered two Jewish men and a Jewish woman in Nazi-occupied Ukraine.

He will still face charges relating to one individual murder and knowing involvement in the murder of 850 other Jewish villagers.

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Vandals charged

BONN — Two men have been charged by the state prosecution in Potsdam with desecrating the memorial at the former Ravensbruck concentration camp.

But authorities have conceded that despite continuous efforts, they have no clues whatever to the identities of the vandals who last September caused the fire in the so-called "Jewish barracks" of the former concentration camp of Sachsenhausen.

The arson touched off a wave of condemnations and played an important role in making clear to the political leadership in Bonn that neo-Nazi violence should be taken seriously.

The state of Brandenburg, in which Sachsenhausen is situated, has been in recent months the scene of repeated attacks against asylum-seekers and on Jewish memorials.

Israeli shot dead

JERUSALEM — One day after an Arab stabbed to death a young man in east Jerusalem, police found the body of another Israeli shot to death in Petach Tikvah for what also appeared to be nationalist motives.

The victim was standing guard at a cable factory. His body, shot several times at close range, was found just 24 hours after the murder in Jerusalem.

Police said the murderers stole equipment from the plant, but claimed, for reasons they refused to disclose, that the killing was carried out by Arabs acting out of nationalist motivations.

Baby's skull fractured

JERUSALEM An infant was seriously injured when her family's car was stoned in north Jerusalem last week.

The family was on their way from the settlement of Emmanuel to Jerusalem to celebrate Hanna Eliahu's first birthday with her grandparents.

She underwent surgery to repair a fractured skull at Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital. She was reported to be out of danger, and her condition was listed as satisfactory.

A relative in the car said the stone broke through the back window, and hit the infant directly in the head.

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Jewish activist dead

NEW YORK — Eleazar Lipsky, a novelist and lawyer active in Jewish affairs has died in New York of leukemia. He was 81.

Lipsky, the son of writer and Zionist leader Louis Lipsky, was a co-founder of the *New York Jewish Week* and was, in the 1960s, president of the *The Jewish Telegraphic Agency*.

Lipsky saw his works, which received critical priase, performed on the screen and on radio.

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Levy's car stoned

JERUSALEM — Former Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy escaped unhurt, but his driver suffered minor injuries, when his car was hit by stones and an iron bar as it passed through the West Bank town of Jericho last week.

Levy's security guard ordered the injured driver not to slow down or turn back to a nearby army camp, but to drive on fast. Eventually they encountered an army patrol, which escorted them to another camp.

He said the projectiles thrown at the car came from a roadside spot shrouded in complete darkness. The car's windshield shattered and the driver's hands were cut by glass shards.

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Judicial appointment

OTTAWA — The Honorable Pierre Blais, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, has announced the appointment of the Honorable Guy J. Kroft of the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, who is elevated to the Manitoba Court of Appeal. He replaces Mr. Justice J. F. O'Sullivan who passed away.

Mr. Justice Kroft has served as an officer of the Canadian Jewish Congress and as president of the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council. He has also served as past president of the Manitoba Division of the Canadian Red Cross Society.

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Casino plans are rolling

JERUSALEM — Israel may have moved a step closer toward having its first gambling casino after Finance Minister Avraham Shohat told the Knesset that he favors changing the law to allow such gaming halls.

Shohat told Pasrliament that casinos would boost Israel's tourism, though he also noted sardonically: "I know a casino is not a beit midrash," or religious study hall.

Members of Israel's Orthodox religious parties spoke out against the idea, and it was decided that the issue should be studied in a Knesset committee.

Shohat said the southern seaside resort of Eilat would be unable to compete against neighboring Jordanian and Egypt Red Sea resorts unless it offered gambling.

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Film director dead

JERUSALEM — Amos Guttman, the noted Israeli film director whose work often dealt with problems facing gays, has died of AIDS at age 39.

Guttman's latest film, *Wonderful Days*, depicted the last years of AIDS patients and is currently being shown at the international film festival in Berlin.

Guttman directed two full-length feature films and two shorter movies.

Luitjens ordered held

THE HAGUE — A Dutch court has refused to release convicted wartime collaborator Jacob Luitjens. He had asked to be released pending the outcome of his request for pardon.

Luitjens, a member of Holland's Dutch Nazi organizations, was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1948.

He was deported from Canada last year after a Federal Court judge ruled he had lied about his wartime past when he entered the country.

Front Line

New U.S. team takes gamble to re-start peace process

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

Two weeks ago I concluded my column with the thought that the episode of the Hamas deportees may well become an example of a miscalculation transformed into an opportunity. Meanwhile a situation with the potential to do just that has in effect emerged, and will mature if serious diplomacy will replace short-term political tactics. The United States has produced nothing less than a magic formula, which most probably owes its effectiveness to its yet undisclosed components. Now the American efforts are directed to reconvene the Arab-Israeli peace-talks in April. On the surface, but only on it, Israel's gamble has paid off quite handsomely. The undertaking to allow the immediate return of 100 deportees and of the rest within a year can be regarded as a reasonable concession to U.S. persuasion. The Americans managed to close the episode without having had to confront the embarrassment of vetoing a resolution threatening sanctions which was in the making at the United Nations. The fact that a formula which had no immediate effect on the fate of the deportees was sufficient to induce all the members of the Security Council, Muslims included, to take the issue off the agenda, strengthens the suspicion that some under the table understandings had been reached between the United States and Israel.

By the time this article is before you, the new U.S. secretary of state, Warren Christopher, will have commuted between Middle Eastern capitals to help the peace process to recover from the bad accident which had hospitalized it after the deportation of the Hamas activists. If he succeeds in his efforts, a new lease on life will be injected into the process itself. But this is a very large "if." So, what were the incentives for a fresh secretary of state to risk his and his president's reputation and embark on such a problematic mission in the aftermath of the unsettling Hamas episode? It could only be the firm belief in success. But based on what?

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Let's see how all concerned could — if capable of realistic introspection — find out where they stand. It can be safely said that the ambitions of Hamas itself were frustrated by the American-Israeli deal and by its acceptance by the Security Council. The sudden refusal of all outside factors to help Hamas win the cnfrontation may have something to do with the widely held perception that Israel's massive retaliation against this branch of Islamic extremism cannot be handled in isolation from the wider context of the global dangers presented by this brand of militant Islam. Its subversive activities in the Arab countries have not subsided even while the affected Arab regimes publicly supported the Hamas deportees.

The PLO, for its part, also maintains its declared solidarity with the deportees and keeps saying that it will not allow the peace talks to start before all the deportees are returned. Well, this remains to be seen. The threat has no real teeth, but its elimination may imply some concessions. Possible conclusion: while the Arabs engaged in the peace process with Israel cannot be expected to openly disavow Hamas, when it is put before them, the choice of either continuing the peace process or abandoning it, will opt for the former and at the same time do their utmost to extract all possible concessions from Israel. The PLO leadership in Tunis cannot afford to ignore the mood of the Palestinian masses in the territories, where Hamas' daring terrorism seems to win over more and more PLO adherents. The local leadership in the territories wants very much to continue the talks with Israel, since such talks represent the faint but only hope to modify the precarious situation of the population in the territories. But for that, the members of the Palestinian delegation to the talks need open PLO backing from distant Tunis, which for now is not forthcoming. And so we have a vicious circle which Arab diplomacy will try to break with the help of the Americans.

So what looks to be at the moment a reasonably positive deal for Israel — the radical Arabs say that both the United States and the United Nations have surrendered to Israel — may not be seen as such, once the price which Israel was or will be made to pay will emerge into the open. First of all, it seems that the deportation of the 400 will have been the last operation of this kind for the foreseeable future. By overdoing it once, Israel may have well deprived itself of using this type of retaliation against its most dangerous opponents in the territories. And then, by depending so much on American support to be spared major damage at the Security Council, Israel may have opened itself to more American interventionism, once the peace process starts again, than would have been the case without the Hamas episode. This does not detract from the fact that the Hamas activists were severely punished and that their determination to hold out in the Lebanese winter and enjoy world-wide sympathy until they were returned has failed despite great publicity. Their camp will probably be disbanded sooner than expected. But this does not matter so much at this point.

On his Middle Eastern mission Secretary of State Christopher will have to resist attempts by the Arabs to reopen the issue of the deportees to further manipulation. He'll want to concentrate on the peace process alone. But his Arab counterparts will have an urgent interest to free themselves from the stigma of complicity with the American-agreed solution of the problem. And the Americans, who need Arab support to restart the peace process, will listen.

Israel, aware of the price tag attached to the American favor, will try to lower the costs, but will not enjoy the benefits for free. And nobody can tell whether, in view of this rather complicated situation, Christopher will succeed or fail in his mission to reignite the peace process after all.

In retrospect, it should now be clear to even the most self-reliant Israeli politician that Israel could have done much better than to expose the new U.S. administration to such a severe test of its Middle Eastern policies so soon after inauguration. To have had to start with the Hamas episode was an unfortunate complication for the new U.S. team and may have left a few scars. If the secretary of state returns to Washington with a firm commitment from all sides to restart the peace talks in April, he'll have every reason to be proud of himself. And if the process starts again after what preceded its resumption, it is likely to be quite different from the way it was during the last weeks of the expiring Bush administration.

Cuban Jewish community making small advances

By YAKOV M. RABKIN

A Communist regime had cut off Soviet Jews from the mainstream of Jewish life for seven decades. The challenge of providing them with opportunities for Jewish life and Jewish learning has been enormous. Scores of Jewish communities and international organizations have taken up this challenge with impressive results, particularly since the collapse of Soviet communism. However, on the other side of the globe there exists another group of Jews, incomparably smaller and more compact, which longs to restore a badly disrupted Jewish life.

The Jews of Cuba number about 1,200, half of them of Sephardic ancestry. Since the ruling Communist Party declared a year ago that religion no longer contradicts Communist beliefs, there has been a revival of Jewish life in Cuba. Jewish youth activities have begun, synagogue attendance is up, and on the last week of 1992 over 20 teenagers and young men formally entered Abraham's Covenant and underwent circumcision.

There had been no circumcisions allowed throughout most of the last three decades, and the arrival of a visiting mohel was more than welcome. The Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) in New York has organized visits of Jewish leaders from several countries of Latin America, but, to my surprise, I have encountered no traces of Lubavitch emissaries.

On the first Sabbath of 1993 there were two rabbis visiting the Havana community. Both were Ashkenazi Jews from Argentina who had graduated from the Conservative seminary in Buenos Aires and now work in Mexico and Colombia. Their Cuban hosts, eager to catch up with developments in the Jewish world, learned novel rituals, for example a woman on the pulpit conducting Friday night services.

The library in the Jewish Community Centre is well provided with Jewish weeklies from many countries, but there was no edition of the Pentateuch with Rashi's commentary in sight. There are serious gaps in the availability of printed Jewish sources in Hebrew and in Spanish which should not take too long to fill.

However, the most serious need is human contact with knowledgeable Jews willing to teach by word and example. It is the human and Judaic quality of the people they will come into contact with that will greatly influence the future of Cuban Jews.

The U.S. blockade of Cuba makes it difficult for American Jews to travel to that country. On the other hand, Jewish communities in Latin American countries are less than well endowed with Judaic scholars and knowledgeable observant Jews. Canada's Jewish community, which includes thousands of Spanish-speaking, usually Sephardic Jews, is well equipped to help the Jews of Cuba. It can become a major source for the transfer of Judaic knowledge to that island.

A program of this nature is well within the financial and intellectual scope of Canada's Jewish community which can thus complement current efforts on the part of the JDC. Scarcity of food in Cuba would make it imperative for observant Jews to take with them a supply of kosher products. Otherwise, it is easy to organize travel to Cuba thanks to direct flights and package tours from both Toronto and Montreal.

A program of basic Judaica is being developed and adjusted to the needs of the Cuban community. A list of resource persons can be drawn among rabbis, Judaic scholars and educated observant Jews, including young people willing to spend a week or two in the tropics, conducting lectures and seminars, preferably in Spanish.

Small is beautiful. Rather than develop an ambitious project which may take much time and resources, Canada's Jewish community can begin such a series of visits before the end of this winter. An ad hoc committee is being set up to run the program, raising funds to cover travel expenses and, whenever required, to compensate participants for their time. In the meantime, ideas and proposals can be sent to my fax (514) 345-9704.

As many of us who have worked to help Soviet Jews reconnect with Jewish continuity know too well, work with the Cuban community promises to be very gratifying. It looks like another case of sekhar mitswa mitswa, i.e. the reward for performing a Commandment is another Commandment. Bringing Cuban Jews back should help many of us make an extra effort to keep our side of the Covenant.

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New York paper chooses to accept offensive ads

By ARNOLD AGES

The New York Times must be having financial problems these days because during the month of December it printed advertisements which cast aspersions on the integrity of Judaism.

On Dec. 15, 18 and 21 *The Times* featured slick Madison Avenue promotions for Jews For Jesus. It is not necessary to rehearse the content of these ads, which single out Jews as targets needing special spiritual help, because to do so would be to continue the offence.

What is lamentable, however, is that so august a paper as *The New York Times* would choose to publish in New York City, home of the largest Jewish community on this continent, materials which at least one major Toronto newspaper has decided not to accept.

The Toronto daily responded, in part, to criticism that it was facilitating a kind of religious imperialism by running ads identifying a specific group as deficient in its religious doctrines and beliefs. This kind of ad was considered inappropriate in a multicultural society trying to promote harmony among diverse religious and ethnic groups.

I recognize that the issue of freedom of the press and of religion can be raised in this matter. In democratic societies everyone has the right to affirm his or her religious convictions. With the entitlement of rights and the exercise thereof, however, there also comes a certain moral obligation, especially in the arena of the public proclamation of those rights.

What is disquieting about the Jews For Jesus ads which *The New York Times* and one Toronto paper ran is not the transparent deviousness in the use of Jewish symbols, words and faces, but the assault on the integrity of Judaism which is essential to the messages conveyed in those slick display features.

Arnold Ages

It is all the more ironic, that during a period when institutionalized Christianity is beginning to recognize its previous sins over the centuries, in teaching contempt for Judaism the new fundamentalism espoused by Jews for Jesus is engaging in precisely the same kind of defamation of Judaism now condemned by most of the mainline Catholic and Protestant churches.

Since the reign of Pope John XXIII (1958-63) and the Second Vatican Council (Vatican II, 1962-65), the Roman Catholic Church has been especially progressive in trying to review and rectify the distortions about Jews and Judaism which were part of the official church teachings. Many of the documents flowing from the Vatican affirmed the validity of Judaism.

Just recently an American Episcopalian bishop, John Spong, published a book in which he describes many of the theological ideas of Christianity as being derived from a misunderstanding and misuse of Jewish midrashic (homilatical) methods of integrating the Torah. He includes in his critique many of the key passages in the Hebrew prophets which, he indicates, were mischievously applied to Christian dogma — passages which figure prominently in the repertoire of "proof texts" used by missionary organizations.

The ads in *The Times* (they have also appeared in *Newsweek* and *Time* magazines) are disturbing because in addition to singling out Jews as targets, they go one step further than the conventional arguments against Judaism advanced over two thousand years by subtly stressing a secondary motif.

Traditional attacks against the Jewish religion have focused on the "supersessionism" factor; that is to say, that Judaism has been superseded by Christianity and that the Church represents the new Israel. Thus the "Old Testament" has been replaced by the "New Testament," the old covenant by a new one.

The Jews for Jesus have taken this idea and honed it sharply to make Christianity more palatable for Jews by asserting fulfillment over supersessionism. This astute shift in focus has apparently been successful in winning over some Jews. It is now possible to have your cake and eat it.

This is a thesis which mainstream Jews find difficult to accept. For one thing, there is no "Old Testament" in Judaism — there is only the Hebrew Bible, the Tanach. Equally troublesome is the delicate position into which Jews are placed by the impertinent thrust of the ads in general, and in missionary activities in particular.

Jews are a minority in Canada and the United States and in order to confront the Jews For Jesus it is necessary to engage in the kind of bitter polemics in which Christian interpretations of Judaism will come under critical scrutiny. In the public domain this is not an exercise which can promote goodwill between the Christian majority and the Jewish minority.

As a student of European intellectual history, I am also concerned that an old/new kind of anti-Semitism is being seeded by the advocates of Jews for Jesus. When Jews refused to believe that Judaism had been superseded, Christians attacked Jews not only for misunderstanding their own texts but for doing so blindly and diabolically. The jump from theological persecution to pogroms was not long in coming.

Now the approach is to stress fulfillment over supersessionism. How will the new missionaries respond when mainstream Jews reject that argument as they did the previous ones? The glibness and softness of the Jews For Jesus ads do not mask the frustration and impatience with ordinary Jews that the promoters of these ads exhibit.

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Securing the future

The United States has launched a campaign to stop major industrialized countries from selling militarily useful equipment and technology to Iran.

It is a campaign which is well worth supporting.

Iran, which has been ruled by a militant, anti-Western Islamic fundamentalist regime for the past 14 years, is a force to be reckoned with now that its chief regional rival, Iraq, has been effectively defanged and reined in.

Dominating the approaches of the Persian Gulf, through which much of the world's oil is shipped, Iran is steadily increasing its baleful influence in the Middle East. The Iranian government is triggering anxiety by backing Islamic fundamentalist movements whose primary goal is to undermine the legitimacy of conservative Arab regimes and to destroy Israel. In the past year, Iran has seized three disputed islands in the strategic Strait of Hormuz which it had shared with the United Arab Emirates. It has also deepened its financial and logistical commitment to Hamas and Hezbollah, both of which seek the destruction of Israel and the rearrangement of the socio-political order in the Middle East.

With these long-range objectives in mind, Iran is furiously rebuilding its armed forces, which were shattered in the 1980-1988 war with Iraq. In just a few short years, Iran has spent billions of dollars to buy modern attack aircraft, tanks and submarines from Russia and tactical missiles from China.

As well, Iran has purchased so-called dual-use technology from Western nations, notably super-sophisticated computers, navigational and communications equipment and civilian airplanes, all of which can easily be converted for military uses. To make matters worse, Iran is developing a menacing nuclear arms program.

Understandably alarmed by these developments, the United States is attempting to cut the flow of weaponry, dual-use or otherwise, to Iran. But lamentably enough, Washington's proposal is meeting stiff resistance because such arms sales generate immense profits, at a time of global recession.

Like Iraq in the 1980s, Iran is a Frankenstein-in-the-making. If concerted efforts are not made to contain resurgent Iran, there will be hell to pay in the future.

A musical bridge

During these tense days of political wrangling over the Hamas deportees, the stalled peace talks and the violence the territories, there seems to be less communication between the adversaries than ever before.

One bright spot, however, is in that area of universal communication — music — where Jews and Arabs have recently demonstrated that they can share the same condominium peacefully.

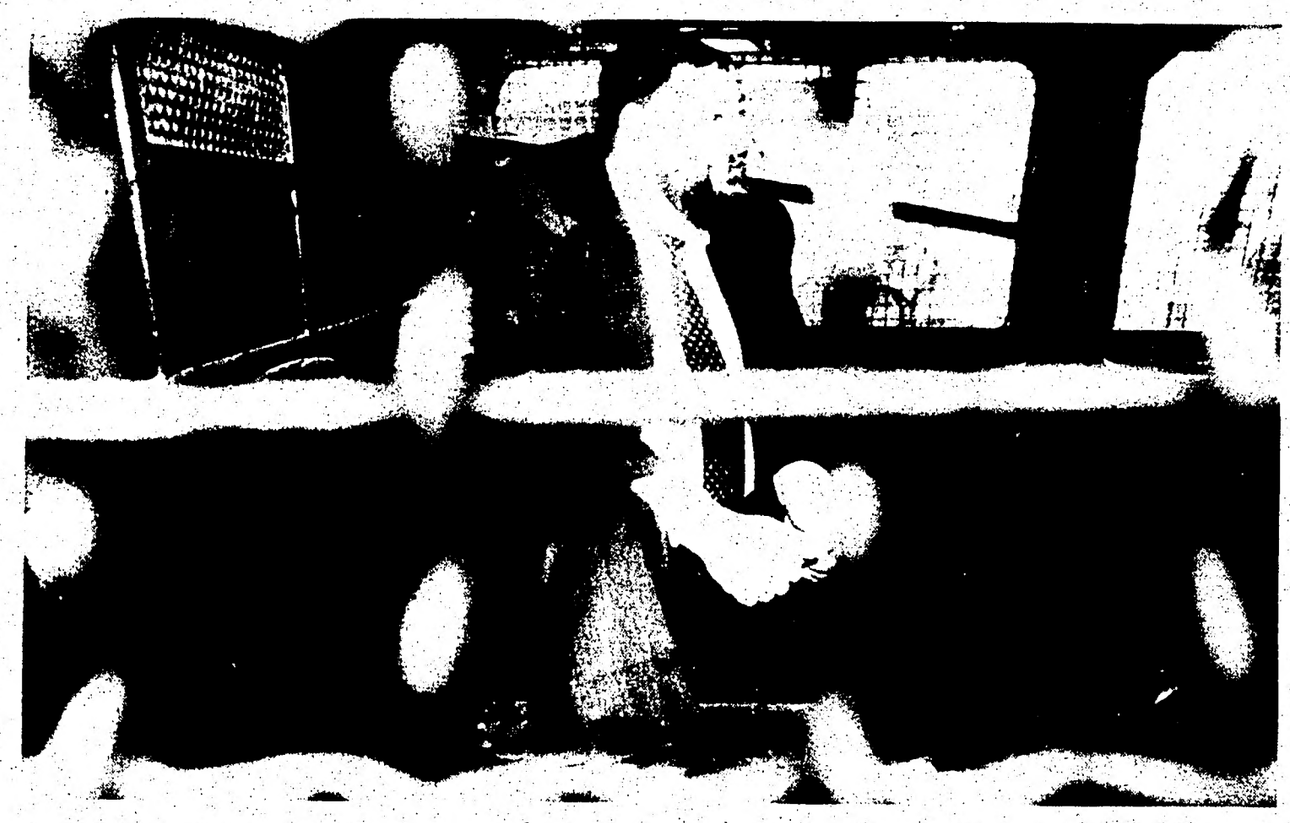
New York City's Merkin Concert Hall recently featured a double concert featuring the Klezmatics and the Simon Shaheen Ensemble. The program was sponsored by the American National Public Radio and was broadcast live in its series "New Sounds."

New York Times music critic Jon Pareles, wrote of the raucous enthusiasm generated by the Klezmatics and the way in which the group has grafted modernist jazz and rock harmonies onto Eastern European musical traditions.

The counterpoint to the Klezmatics was the Shaheen Ensemble's Arabic selections celebrating, among other things, Sufi Muslim traditions. One melody explored by the quartet led by Mr. Shaheen (he is a Palestinian scholar born in Israel) "could have been taken up by a klezmer group."

One of the common threads in the approach of both the Klezmatics and the Shaheen Emsemble is their readiness to improvise new model melodies based on traditional harmonies and instruments without, in any way, abandoning their commitment to the musical lore to which they are firmly attached.

It is perhaps injudicious to generalize from musical congeniality to political harmony. But the co-existence of Jewish and Arabic music on a sound stage in New York City provides a small, faint hope that the affinity found in the two musical traditions — Jewish and Arabic — might conceivably be transformed into civilized political dialogue once the peace talks are resumed.



GO DIRECTLY TO JAIL

Former Shas party Knesset member Yair Levy arrives at Ma'asiyahu prison near Tel Aviv to begin a five-year sentence for stealing almost $100,000 from a charitable organization. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French; typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

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THE NETWORK IMAGE

The Jewish Students' Network is not in the business of "debating its image." (CJN, Feb. 4) In fact, what was being debated at Network's National Convention in December was not its image, but rather, how to channel the limited resources available to Jewish students in Canada.

Among the projects and issues presently being pursued by Network are Jewish identity, assimilation, Nazi war criminals, women's issues, Israel on campus and in the media, anti-Semitism, Jewish culture, Holocaust remembrance, Holocaust denial, Jonathan Pollard, Yemenite Jewry, environmentalism and Judaism, intermarriage, and many more. If I were to add to the list all the projects and issues Jewish students would like to add to the agenda, I would need a number of pages of newsprint.

Jewish students and young adults have an extraordinary amount of energy, enthusiasm and dreams. Daily the Network office gets new project ideas, new schemes suggested to change the Jewish world. We even have the leadership within our community to carry out those projects. What we lack are th eresources, the funds, the support.

With an agenda as full as ours, and a young Jewish community assimilating as we speak, is it any wonder that when Jewish students from across Canada get together once a year, there is debate as to how to expend those precious resources we do have?

Frankly, we at Network are not worried about our "image;" thankfully, we have a competent leadership headed by Talia Klein, national chair. Instead, we actively work at transforming the limited means at our disposal into the realisation of aspirations of thousands of Jewish students on campuses across Canada.

Naomi Ulpan
National Policy Advisor
Jewish Students' Network-Canada

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TAKES BOROVOY TO TASK

Alan Borovoy's article is more noteworthy for what it doesn't say, than for what it says. Because in condemning Canadian Jewish Congress for taking the case for taxpayer contribution to the funding of Jewish day schools to the courts, there is an almost total absence of Jewishness, of Jewish continuity, Jewish identity, and the future survival of a vibrant Jewish community.

Borovoy's sole concern appears to be with the survival of the public school system. He may feel grateful to that system for giving him an education and offering him the opportunity to develop the skills and talents that he has used in many admirable and worthy ways. The goal of preserving a strong and broadly representative public school system may be praiseworthy, for others. But it is not a Jewish goal, and for a Jewish public figure in a Jewish newspaper to promulgate it at the expense of support for Jewish education is frankly unacceptable.

Because let no-one have the slightest doubt about this matter; the public schools will not preserve Jewish identity, nor increase Jewish knowledge, nor provide any foundation of Jewish learning to enable Jewish youngsters to understand and identify with the values and practices of the four-thousand year old tradition they have inherited.

In our difficult times, as a small minority in a state that has the pressures of a combination of strongly secular elements, and also other much larger, well-funded, fervently religious organizations, the Jewish day schools are the only viable option for the preservation of any real Jewishness of future generations on the North American continent.

The case for remitting portions of taxpayer contributions to fund the general studies component of any school system that meets standard educational requirements has been made many times. If that means that we, the Jewish community, have to accept the funding of some groups that do not bear us good will, that may be the price we have to pay. Because those of us involved in Jewish education know that the costs of providing quality education have become enormously burdensome, and may even be deterring significant numbers of parents from providing this necessity to their children.

Maybe the Catholic schools shouldn't have been funded, though Jewish schools in other countries receive general funds without the sort of outcry it generates here. But the real point for most of us is that the preservation of our Jewishness is a serious, not superficial matter. The public schools will not do that. I can look around me at half a dozen close neighbors who all went to non-Jewish day schools in Britain, but have put their children through the Jewish day school system here, all the way from kindergarten to high school.

It is that concern for Jewishness that was absent from Alan Borovoy's article, but is so much in the forefront of those who want fairness in funding.

Dr. Joseph Berger
Toronto

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A MAN I STILL LOVE

Martin Fischer is not dead: his spirit lives on. In me and countless others.

I recall his gently correcting me on the proper pronunciation of Maimonides. I recall too his firm readjustment of my thinking on ancestry when I tried to use an analogy of Maimonides Einstein — worshipped adjutant, Spinoza: 'Alan, don't rest your shoulders on Tennyson and Franklin. They should rest on your shoulders.'

As I sat in his waiting-room and eyed the prominent figures leaving his office, I often sat in awe, an awesomeness made more so by the relentlessly projected humility of their counsellor, an intellectually-emotionally integrated Dr. Fischer.

He made house calls. He seemed to love all. He did not forget but he did forgive human weaknesses. Even those of tyrant, Adolf Hitler.

Mendelssohn, Göthe, Jesus, Newton, Freud, Frye, all who made giant pages in Western history since Alexandria's library burned, bear for me no more than the contribution to humanity and life Fischer gave.

He is biologically one year dead. But only biologically. Martin Fischer's spirit and psycho-sociological sequelae continue to manifest themselves in the highest forms of Ancient Greek thinking, a discipline he knew and absorbed with grace.

An undying Hebraic conservative, Dr. Martin Fischer makes me proud to say that I am a member of the human race.

Alan Cooper
Toronto

Opinion

Biographies reveal character flaws of famous subjects

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Two recent biographies of world famous writers — one in the United States and one in England — have uncovered a pernicious and major flaw in their characters.

One was H. L. Mencken and the other, H. G. Wells. Mencken was the foremost American journalist and an acerbic critic of American life and letters, and H. G. Wells an influential English historian, a purveyor of future-shock who lived in the United Kingdom. Both wielded uncommon influence in their countries and in the English-speaking world at large, and both have now been "discovered" to have been virulent anti-Semites.

For those of us who were adults in those days and exposed to the admittedly interesting and often challenging writings of these two men, their anti-Semitism is now news. To give but one example, Wells wrote an autobiography in 1934 in which he commented on concentration camps then being built by the Nazis. He remarked unabashedly, "I have always refused to be enlightened and sympathetic about the Jewish question."

Now, 60 years later, new biographies of these two men seem to startle a lot of readers who cannot imagine how in those days the public could so blithely overlook their significant character faults.

Rabbi Plaut

Easy. In those days leading political and social figures took anti-Semitism for granted. The sad tale of *None is Too Many* by Abella and Troper is too well known to need explanation. Naturally, the bueraucracies in various countries from Europe to North America to Australia would take their cue from their leaders and the up-scale society.

And here is where the story of my own family comes in. My parents escaped to England just before the outbreak of World War II. While I was a rabbi in Chicago, I made repeated applications to bring them to the States. There were inexplicable delays, but at last, in the summer of 1942, I was finally summoned to Washington by the Immigration and Naturalization Service in order to make personal representation on behalf of my parents. I traveled by overnight coach, shaved at the station, and presented myself at the appointed early morning hour. To my dismay, the interview lasted only 10 minutes. "Why do you want to bring these people to the United States," I was asked. I knew right then and there that the cause was hopeless. Two weeks later I received a notice denying my application. No reasons were given. It was not until 1945, while I was at the German front, that my parents finally made it to the United States.

When the war was over and I had been reunited with my family the old question surfaced again and again: Why were they denied the possibility of being reunited with their only two children?

When the Freedom of Information Act became law in the United States, I finally succeded in getting the transcripts of the 1942 interview, and found out why my application had been denied.

One, that I, the applicant, was known as a Zionist, and Zionists were considered unreliable.

Two, my father was a "suspicious" character. Why? Because, when interviewed in London by the American Council and asked about the whereabouts of his family, "he was vague about his two sisters."

Of course, my dad was vague about his two sisters, he did not know were they were. Only later on did he and all of us find out that they were burned in Auschwitz.

The bottom line is of course that pure and simple anti-Semitism was at play. It fits in with the fact that the likes of Wells and Mencken were feted and their anti-Semitism considered a minor flaw by most and — I presume — an asset by others.

Female cantor adds her voice to Jewish community

ALISA POMERANZ-BORO

I think I always knew I would become a cantor. I was fortunate to grow up in an egalitarian synagogue and was always encouraged to follow my dreams.

Davening and singing have been an integral part of my life since I can remember, and because I grew up in a family full of rabbis and cantors I was probably the youngest member to be a soloist in a synagogue adult choir — starting at the tender age of four. After my bat mitzvah, I began to read the Torah and daven on a regular basis. I also started to tutor other b'nai mitzvah students.

In 1987, during my senior year at the University of Washington, women for the first time were officially granted the diploma of hazzan by the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary. It was then that I decided to audition for cantorial school. I was admitted, and last May, during my final year of cantorial school, I was fortunate to be among the first group of women to be inducted into the Cantors Assembly.

On the whole, being a woman in a traditionally male role has worked out rather smoothly. My experience has been that most of the people who initially object to a woman cantor do so because of a vague sense of uneasiness at what seems to be a foreign sound, not because of a religious objection. One of the nicest comments that I heard in my previous position at Park Avenue Synagogue in New York was from an older gentleman who said, "You know, I was against the idea of a woman cantor, but I've gotten used to you, and now I even like you!"

Of course, there remains one of the greatest dilemmas of all time: What do you call a woman cantor? Like a female doctor, there is no feminine form. So please call me cantor. And, when asked, "What do you call a cantor's husband?" — I simply say, "Stephen!"

Recently we read *Shirat HaYam, The Song of the Sea*, the poignant moment in our history when, with God's involvement, we crossed The Sea of Reeds and coalesced as a people. A colleague of mine, Rabbi Melissa Crespy, asks an interesting question: Whose voices are we hearing in the *Song at the Sea* when we read: "Then Moses and the children of Israel sang this song to the Lord: I will sing to the Lord for God has triumphed gloriously. Horse and rider God has hurled into the sea!"

This song of Moses and the sons of Israel is a long and powerful one — 18 verses in all, filled with strong and vivid images. By contrast, tacked on at the end of the song, we find a short two-verse unit focussing on Miriam and the women of Israel: "Then Miriam the prophet, the sister of Aaron, took timbrel in her hand. And all the women went out after her, with timbrels and dances. And Miriam answered them: 'Sing to the Lord for God has triumphed gloriously. Horse and rider God has hurled into the sea!'"

Phyllis Trible, a well-known Bible scholar, articulates the obvious: by its placement and length, Miriam's song seems secondary, like an afterthought. Yet she and a number of other Bible

Alisa Pomeranz-Boro

scholars ultimately conclude that "once upon an early time, the entire Song of the Sea, not just the first stanza, was ascribed to Miriam and the women of Israel. Later, redactors (editors) . . . who were intent upon elevating Moses, took the song right out of her mouth and gave it to him . . . in company with the sons of Israel."

Ms. Trible's insight is intriguing. If she and other Bible scholars are right, then the song that we sing every day may well have been the song of Miriam and the daughters of Israel.

Today the voices of the women are hidden. But, as Prof. Trible keenly perceives, the fact that they are there at all is telling. The presence of the women's voices, at such a pinnacle of liberation, reminds us that they, no less than the men, are essential constituents of our ancient people; they enrich the song and the experience of the crossing of the sea.

Miriam's voice can be, for us, a paradigm for all of the hidden voices that we need to hear. The symphony of our Jewish community contains many different voices — some of which have been concealed. Miriam's aria sounds on behalf of those voices, urging our sensitivity so that we may all be enriched by their music.

Today, Jewish women play a vital role in the survival of our people. We are more educated than ever before. We participate in all aspects of Jewish communal and home life. Miriam is a wonderful example for us of the different voices that hunger to be included in our Jewish community. Our challenge is to respond to their hunger, to bring them into our community and to listen to their voices. If we allow ourselves to listen, we will be deeply enriched by them.

Alisa Pomerantz-Boro, hazzan of Tifereth Israel Synagogue in San Diego, is one of 20 female cantors admitted to the ranks of the Cantors Assembly (Conservative).

Doing Jewish more important than *being* Jewish

By ELAINE KAHN

A recent poll said most Canadians feel our multicultural mix is not reflected well enough in the advertisements we see.

Plainly put, ads are too white.

Everyone seems a little confused today as to where Jews fit into the picture. To many members of other minorities, we're part of the establishment and white; to many members of the white establishment, we're Jews.

Frankly, I think there aren't enough identifiable Jews in ads.

Oh sure, we rush to tell non-Jews, there's no such thing as a typical Jewish face. We fall over ourselves proving there's a varitable rainbow of Jewish skin, hair and eye colors, nose and breast sizes.

Among ourselves, though, we're quick to note who does or doesn't look Jewish and use it as a compliment or an insult, depending on circumstances: your son's new Gentile girlfriend does not look Jewish if you oppose the match, but does if you approve.

The hard fact is that when we talk among ourselves about Jewish looks, we're still thinking "Semitic" and that tends to mean dark coloring and noses that aren't naturally tip-tilted. Maybe, also, "animated" — my daughters "look Jewish" and yet, to me, that's largely from the sparkle in their dark eyes and the mobility of their expressions.

My husband was the first Jew I ever met who could equate looking Jewish with beauty. I haven't met many others. That's why we'll never push for more identifiable Jews in ads — we'd be more likely to see them as some kind of anti-Semitic caricature rather than beautiful.

You can intellectualize as much as you want about how to achieve inner peace and a secure self-identity; the bottom line is that we live behind particular faces and, if we're not happy with them, a positive self-image will be hard to find. Nor will we be anxious to marry within a group that produces such faces.

Elaine Kahn

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto recently set up a task force to study assimilation, intermarriage and Jewish continuity. It's asking people "what makes you feel good about being Jewish?". I suspect "the way I look" will not be one of the top ten reasons cited by anyone.

I've struggled with this feelgood question in past, especially because I was told as a kid there was nothing good about being Jewish (the Holocaust having proven that to my father). It was just something you were stuck with.

But there was a kernel of truth there that I was able to turn into a positive: being Jewish is something I irrevocably am. I'm Jewish the same way I'm female and I've never wanted to not be either.

I used to think what's good about being Jewish is that it gives you community anywhere. This first occurred to me when I was in Mexico in 1966 with my parents and sister. After a week in Acapulco, the first place my father wanted to hit in Mexico City was a local shul with a restaurant. We'd eaten well on the coast, but the hunger for dills and deli had become overwhelming.

I always remembered that as community, but I think now it was just food. Because I don't remember anyone coming over to us to see who we were and I've learned that being made welcome in a strange shul or new community depends entirely on the people there — sometimes it's a gift, sometimes you have to work for it.

What makes me feel best about being Jewish is that it automatically connects me with a whole world — past, present and future, oral, written and sensual — that's bigger than I am. It grounds me.

But I think the Federation task force should be asking a completely different question: "what makes you feel good about *doing* Jewish?".

Being Jewish, after all, need be nothing more than a passive genetic condition or a label one adopts by choice through conversion. As such, it's really no more or less something one feels good about than having green eyes or being on a mailing list for an organization whose meetings you never attend.

Don't misunderstand me. When I talk about "doing" Jewish, I'm not talking about a person who performs ten mitzot being better than a person who performs two or saying one denomination is better than another or that religious Jews are superior to secular Jews (or even that Judaism is better than any other religion or system). "I'm talking about intention, awreness and self-enrichment.

One frequently hears "Why do I have to be Jewish? Why can't I just be a good person?". The answer, of course, is that there's no reason at all why you can't. I just think I get more out of life when I do things remembering I do them as a Jew.

Take visiting the sick, for example. This is something all good people do. It is also something Jews are supposed to do, and there are many Jewish laws and customs about it, a history to it, some of which I know, some I have yet to learn. It doesn't make me superior to visit the sick aware of my actions in a Jewish context, but it does enrich me.

And what about things that are strictly Jewish, like keeping kosher? I will not argue that someone who doesn't keep kosher isn't a good person. But I can argue that keeping kosher improves me, both in the many self-disciplines it teaches and, again, in the connections it gives to me to a larger context.

Assimilation and intermarriage worry me. Some of it is inevitable in an open society, the rest seems a result of self-loathing and the age-old fight between the greener grass in Oz and Dorothy's confidence that there's no place like home.

Doing Jewish is my way of doing things. So I don't worry much about Jewish continuity. I know I'm not alone.

Features

Halifax community faces decline

[Sheldon Kirshner was in Halifax recently. This is his first of two reports on the Jewish community.]

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

"Go West, young man," the rallying call of 18th and 19th century North American pioneers, is heard with increasing resonance in Halifax today.

The consensus here is that more young Jewish Haligonians are leaving for points westward. Yet some take issue with this thesis.

Joseph Zatzman, a communal leader and former mayor of adjacent Dartmouth, voices the majority view. "We're facing a decline of our population," he said. "In the next 25 years, the Jewish population will be about half of what it is today."

Currently, Halifax is home to about 1,500 Jews, the largest single Jewish community in Atlantic Canada.

Toronto, the Western provinces and the United States are luring Jews away, he noted, while "hardly any new (Jewish) immigrants" are settling in Halifax.

One overwhelming factor seems to account for the departures. "There are no more stores for them to inherit," explained Zatzman, a property developer and onetime chair of Israel Bonds and United Jewish Appeal.

Jewish merchants, who traditionally sustained the community, have been supplanted by a new class of professionals whose horizons extend beyond Halifax.

"Practically all the family businesses have gone under and now Jews are largely in the professions," said Sarah Yablon, secretary of the Halifax Jewish Historical Society.

"When we were growing up, our parents supported themselves with small family stores," Yablon, 78, added. "The older generation died, and the businesses were sold. The sons didn't want to go into business."

Larry Freeman, president of the Atlantic Jewish Council, fears that the community will dwindle. He and his wife, Myra, have no intention of leaving Halifax. They like its quality of life. But Freeman, 43, said he would be "very surprised" if any of his three children, aged 11 to 16, decide to stay in Halifax. Simply put, they would rather live in a city with a bigger Jewish population.

Rabbi Marvin Pritzker, who until 1992 was spiritual leader of Beth Israel Synagogue, the first Orthodox shul east of Montreal, also wonders about the community's future.

"More and more young people prefer to study out of town, mainly because they seek Jewish company." And, he noted, many do not return, partly because there are greater job opportunities elsewhere in Canada.

Lee Cohen, immediate past president of the Atlantic Jewish Council and regional vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, believes that the community "will hold its own" in the years ahead. But he's convinced that the Jewish population of smaller centres throughout Nova Scotia and the rest of the Maritimes will fall off.

The trend is clear — "Jews are leaving the Maritimes," he observed.

Dr. Richard Goldbloom, an ex-Montrealer who has lived in Halifax since 1967, contends that the community, rather than declining numerically, is actually growing slowly. Yet all three of his grown children live in Ontario.

Like Goldbloom and Cohen, Sheva Medjuck — a Mount Saint Vincent University sociologist and author of *Jews of Atlantic Canada* — questions the prevailing belief that the community is in a state of decline.

"Toronto's streets are no longer paved with gold," she said with reference to its severe recession. "And Halifax attracts Jews from smaller Nova Scotia communities."

No one, however, disagrees with the notion that Halifax has been good to Jews, the persistence of anti-Semitism notwithstanding.

"Jews have been successful," said Cohen, a 39-year-old lawyer who was born in Saint John, New Brunswick. "We hold leadership roles in all the professions. We're active in non-Jewish fund-raising drives. The Halifax elite respects Jews and acknowledges our role."

Jews, Cohen said, have achieved a prominence in their respective fields disproportionate to their numbers:

•Constance Glube, scion of an old and established family, is chief justice of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court (trial division).

• Dr. Richard Goldbloom, an officer of the Order of Canada, directs the ambulatory care division of the Izaak Walton Killam Children's Hospital, the finest facility of its kind in Atlantic Canada, and is vice-president of Symphony Nova Scotia.

•Ruth Goldbloom, his wife, is a member of the Order of Canada, a former regent of Mount Allision University, a former governor of Mount Saint Vincent University and, in 1989 and 1990, served as chair of the Metro United Way.

•Joel Pink is a sought-after criminal lawyer.

•Ralph Medjuck and his younger brother, Frank, are property developers of the first rank and they are credited with having helped change Halifax's skyline.

•Dr. Philip Belitsky heads the organ transplant team at Victoria General Hospital.

•Leonard Kitz, a well-known lawyer, was the first — and thus far only — Jewish mayor of Halifax.

•Myra Freeman, an elementary school teacher, is federal campaign co-chair of the Liberal party in Nova Scotia.

"Jews in Halifax are extremely well integrated into the general population, probably more so than Jews in larger Canadian cities," said Sheva Medjuck, who's related to Ralph and Frank Medjuck.

Speaking of his non-Jewish friends and acquaintances, Cohen said, "We're neighbors; we go to hockey games and parties together."

Not surprisingly, the intermarriage rate in Halifax is higher than in Toronto or Montreal. But this can be a blessing in disguise. "Some of the most active members of our community are converts," said an observer who prefers to remain anonymous.

Rabbi Jacob Chinitz, the spiritual leader of Congregation Shaar Shalom until his recent retirement, is familiar with this issue. In his eight years at Shaar Shalom, a conservative synagogue, Rabbi Chinitz performed 15 weddings. In three-quarters of these marriages, the bride or groom was a convert to Judaism.

Larry and Myra Freeman. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Unique co-operation in Israel

By MATT BELLAN

When Shlomo Buchbut left Morocco for Israel at age 10, his parents told him Arabs and Jews could live together.

As mayor of Ma'alot Tarshiha, Buchbut sees daily proof of his parents' statement.

Jewish Ma'alot and Arab Tarshiha sit side by side in the forested hills of the Upper Galilee, about 40 kilometres northeast of Haifa, as the crow flies.

Since 1963, a joint municipal council has run the twin towns, and Arab and Jewish leaders there are still enthusiastic about this unique cooperative venture.

The government created Ma'alot in 1957 as a development town, populating it mainly with new Jewish immigrants from North Africa. Tarshiha, next door, was founded more than 800 years ago.

In 1963, the Interior Ministry of the Labor government then running Israel set up the joint municipality as an "experiment," where Arabs and Jews could live and work in harmony, side by side.

Ma'alot has more than 8,000 residents now, and Tarshiha, 3,000.

Residents of both towns elect an 11-member municipal council, including a mayor and two deputy mayors. As of last January, three Arabs sat on the council, in proportion to the votes they received in the last election.

Under the agreement between the two towns, one of the deputy mayors has to be an Arab.

The mayor has always been a Jew from Ma'alot, but that is mainly because Ma'alot is bigger, and a Jewish candidate tends to win more votes, Buchbut claimed.

The joint municipal government runs everything from street cleaning and refuse collection to water and electricity.

Jewish municipal workers collect garbage in Tarshiha, and Ma'alot Jews drop into the Saturday morning market in the Arab town.

Each town runs its own schools, mainly because part of the schooling in Tarshiha is in Arabic. More than 50 per cent of Tarshiha high school graduates go on to higher education, and for a while, the rate there was higher than in Ma'alot.

The towns' Arab and Jewish schools hold regular meetings, and jointly run Arab-Jewish summer camps.

Students from Ma'alot and Tarshiha also often go to the same Israeli universities, where they continue their studies mainly in Hebrew.

And the towns run a joint cultural centre with a branch in Ma'alot, another in Tarshiha, and an Arab-Jewish dance group.

Friendships are common between residents of the two communities, and Arabs and Jews have no fear about venturing into each other's communities, day or night. But they continue to live apart.

Clive Abrahams, a development officer for the municipality, noted that at least one Jewish family was living in Tarshiha.

Tarshiha has benefited from co-operating with a neighboring Jewish town, he noted. It is one of the few Arab communities in Israel tied into Project Renewal, a program where Diaspora Jewish communities help revitalize Israeli neighborhoods.

"Tarshiha fares better than other Arab towns in getting outside funds," Abraham said.

If this experiment in Jewish-Arab cooperation works so well, why hasn't it been tried elsewhere in Israel?

Abrahams said the success of the Ma'alot-Tarshiha venture might be partly due to the background of Arabs from this area of Israel.

"Arabs from the Galilee were under Turkish or British rule. They were never under another Arab state, per se," he said.

During the 1967 and 1973 wars between Israel and its Arab neighbors, Arabs from Tarshiha went from house to house in Ma'alot, distributing food that Jews could take into their air raid shelters, Abrahams noted.

"I believe Israeli Arabs have to keep the rules and regulations of the country," said Chana Sussan, the Arab deputy mayor. "The intifada has had no effect here.

"In all the wars — 1956, 1967, and 1973, — Arabs here proved their loyalty to Israel," he added. *(JTA)*

The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Rosa Yosephovna, a Ukrainian Jew, was a true believer, like tens of millions of Soviet citizens.

"I believed everything I heard and read," she said in an interview one mid-autumn day in Kiev, the capital of Ukraine.

Although never a member of the Communist party, Yosephovna subscribed to its concepts and ideas. "We were told by the mass media that communism was the best ideology in the world."

So when glasnost and perestroika burst onto the scene in the mid-1980s, gradually sweeping away the shibboleths and dogmas of Soviet communism and causing widespread disillusionment, Yosophovna felt as if she had been personally betrayed.

"Suddenly, there was nothing to believe in."

Yosophovna, an English-language tour guide, was not a political person, even at the height of the glorification of Communist ideals under Josef Stalin. But for Yosophovna, communism was an all-embracing, omniscient and infallible creed which set the nation's priorities, protected its borders, put food on the nation's tables and created a sense of order.

In her youth, Yosophovna, now in her 60s, went through the usual communistic rite of passage. In pre-pubescence, she belonged to the Young Pioneers. When she was a teenager, she wore the colors of the Komsomol. After graduating from the Institute of Foreign Langauges in the far eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv (Kharkov), she became an English teacher. The man she married was an aircraft designer. He would work in the Antonov transport plane plant.

Her husband joined the Communist party, but she did not because, as she explained, "no one proposed me for membership."

In common with the masses, she held Stalin in the highest regard. "I thought he was a genius. Everybody said he won the war. He was Lenin's successor. I believed he was a good and just man. Stalin was like a god on earth."

Disillusionment

I asked her if she had ever been critical of Stalin's totalitarian, capricious methods, or of his brutal policy of purging real and imagined enemies.

"We were under the impression that the failures of the regime was the fault of others — not Stalin."

And what of his "anti-cosmopolitan" campaign, in which Jews were the chief victims?

"Not only Jews were singled out," she said lamely.

She acknowledged that the infamous Doctors' Plot, devised by Stalin and his cohorts, shook the foundations of her faith. But she quickly added that Stalin was not solely guilty of foisting this fiction on the country. "There were others," she observed.

Even today, after all the incriminating disclosures about Stalin, Yosephovna gives him the benefit of the doubt.

"Maybe he was not a god, but with his help we defeated the fascists in the war. Stalin made mistakes, but he was not a bad man."

Yosephovna claims that neither she nor her husband were affected by state anti-Semitism in the post-war period.

"We heard about this Jewish person or that Jewish person who could not find a job in this or that institution. But we were lucky, as were my sons. They had no trouble."

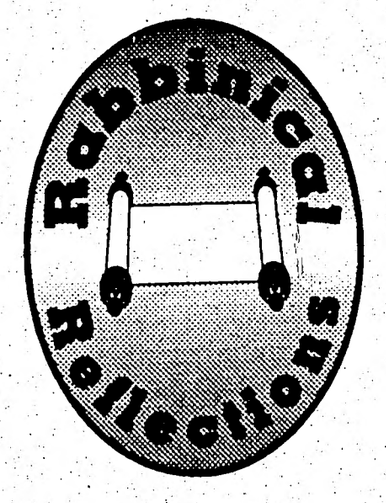
During the war, when hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews perished in the Holocaust, she was evacuated to Central Asia, far away from the marauding Germans. "No one in my family was killed by the Nazis. But my husband's brother, a soldier in the Red Army, fell in action."

The collapse of the Soviet Union and communism has chastened Yosephovna. "From now on, I will believe only in my family and in my children," she said with a sigh.

We spoke on the eve of her first trip to Israel, where her son Iosef, 37, has lived for the past two years. She also planned to visit her youngest son, Lev, 34, a resident of Germany.

"They left Ukraine," she explained, "because they wanted a better future for their children."

And Rosa Yosephovna, too, may yet leave Ukraine. Her reason is compelling. "To be with *my* children."



By RABBI AARON LEVINE

In this week's sedrah, we read: "And they shall make for Me a Mishkin [Sanctuary], and I shall dwell in them." The question is obvious. The text should have read, "And I shall dwell in it," referring to the Sanctuary.

The answer is: indeed, that is precisely what the Almighty is saying. "Make for Me a Tabernacle and then I shall be able to dwell in them, in the midst of each and every individual Jew."

What do we mean by this? Does Hashem dwell in the Sanctuary or in the individual, or in both? Why do we need a sanctuary altogether if the object is for Hashem to dwell in each individual?

Let us reflect for a moment on the vessels that were found in the Mishkin. Among the most prominent we can enumerate: the Ark that held the Torah; the table that held the shewbread; the candelabrum; the altar (actually there were two).

In Pirkei Avot we read: "On three things the world stands — on Torah, on Avodah [now referring to Prayer], and on the performance of kind deeds."

We can correlate the vessels of the sanctuary with the above three things. The Ark obviously symbolizes Torah; the table corresponds to the physical help that one Jew affords another, the performance of kind deeds; the menorah symbolizes prayer. The altar, which represents self-sacrifice, is an ingredient needed by all three components if one is to be successful in performing them.

The Jew is an entity by himself and he is a Jew by virtue of his connection with Klal Yisrael. The Jew takes strength from the community of Israel, from his synagogue, his sanctuary. The shul is a concentration of the Divine Presence. It is a place where a multitude come to offer homage to the Almighty. Here, in the presence of others, one merges individual prayer with the prayers of the congregation. Here, in the presence of holy symbols — the Ark, the Ner Tamid, and the menorah — one can elevate his spirit and draw from the concentrated spirituality that rests in this holy place. Here, one can hear words of teaching and preaching from a spiritual leader, a representative of the Almighty.

But the purpose of the shul is to serve as a reservoir from where one can draw nourishment when he is an individual, at home, in the street, alone, or with others — outside the confines of the sacred sanctuary, where one certainly spends the greater part of his life.

But so many people believe and act in a manner which is contrary to the above. If and when they come to shul, is there any carry over from shul to home? Or does one feel smug and say, "At least here I am a Jew notwithstanding what I am at home." Some do go a step beyond and connect the shul to their home. They keep religious objects at home — a mezuzah on the front door (although we are supposed to have them on all of our doors), candelabrums on which they light the Shabbat candles, a kiddush cup, a Seder plate, a havdalah set, an etrog box, and the like. Some even have a basic Jewish library — a siddur, set of machzorim, set of chumashim, set of tanach (I wonder how many have a complete set of the Shulchan Aruch or a set of the Talmud or any other sacred books of literature). Some even keep a kosher home.

But is it only the home that has to be Jewishly identifiable and kosher? "I shall dwell in them," says the Almighty, in each and every Jew and Jewess. Not only in their Mishkan, their sanctuaries; not only in their homes; but in *them* — in their bodies, in their spirits, in their souls.

Yes, we need our sanctuaries. They are the power stations from which we can recharge and re-energize our spiritual batteries. But they are here only to help us fulfil our real goal, that of carrying our Yiddishkeit with us, at all times, and wherever we go. Let us strengthen our connections with our power stations so that ultimately we can strengthen ourselves as committed Jewish and Torah individuals.

(Rabbi Aaron Levine is a Toronto educator, lecturer and author.)

Reform conversions recognized

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

A ruling by the Jerusalem District Court is being greeted in Reform quarters here as a victory for religious pluralism and the movement's quest for legitimacy.

The court ruled that a non-Jewish citizen or resident of Israel who undergoes Reform conversion to Judaism abroad must be recognized as Jewish in Israel upon his or her return.

"It is part of our legal struggle to obtain recognition and to promote pluralism," said Rabbi Uri Regev, head of the Reform movement's Religious Action Center here. The center had petitioned the court on behalf of an Israeli citizen who had converted to Judaism in Amsterdam.

Regev said the decision marked the "second round of the 'Who Is a Jew' issue" and that he planned soon to challenge the courts to a third round.

The first round for Regev was the 1989 Supreme Court ruling that new immigrants who have converted to Judaism before coming to Israel may obtain citizenship here as Jews under the Law of Return even if their conversion was not an Orthodox one.

Rabbi Uri Regev

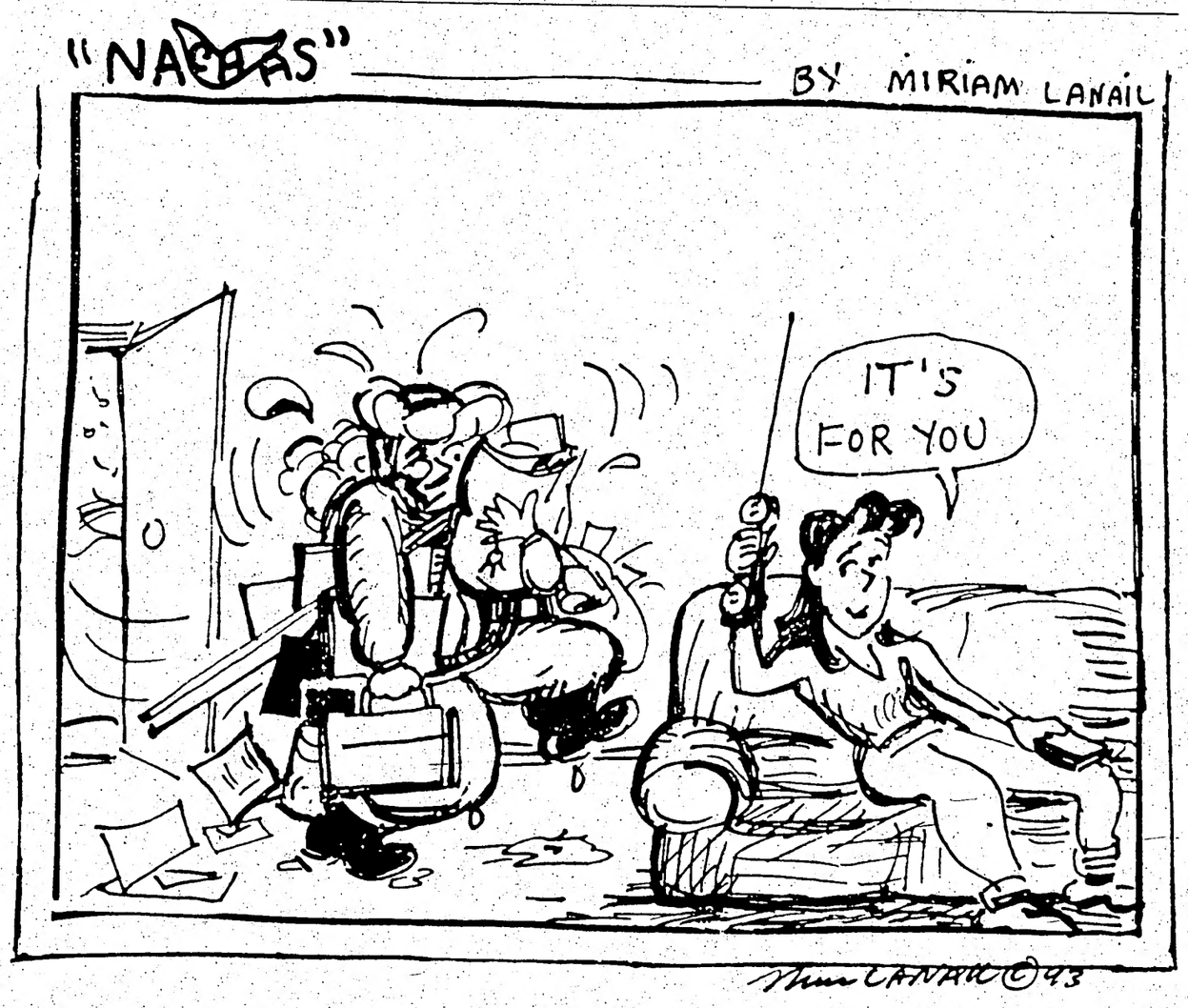
The next round, said Regev, is to petition the Supreme Court for recognition of Reform conversions carried out in Israel. Regev said he planned to file a joint petition with the Association for Civil Rights.

"We will ask whether the policy of the Interior Ministry, to make a distinction between foreign Reform converts and Israeli Reform converts, is based in law," said Regev. "We will claim it is artificial and illegal."

The plaintiff in this week's case, Elsina Birach, had been a kibbutz volunteer who, in 1988, traveled to Holland to marry an Israeli in a civil ceremony, according to the attorney for Religious Action Center, Anat Ben-Dor.

Upon Birach's return to Israel, she became an immigrant whose religion was "unspecified," Ben-Dor said.

In 1990, the couple returned with their baby to Holland, where Birach studied Judaism. She and her daughter converted in 1992. Upon the family's subsequent return to Israel, she was forced to petition the court to have the Interior Ministry change her religious registration and that of her 4-year-old daughter.



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Organizations and People

USY convention puts focus on ecology

Hamilton group makes successful return

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Ecology was the theme of the recent United Synagogue Youth (USY) annual Splinter City convention, held here over the Tu b'Shevat weekend.

Over 60 teenagers attended the event, which was hosted by the Hamilton group and included delegates from Toronto, Ottawa, London, Kitchener and St. Catharines.

Held at Beth Jacob Synagogue, the weekend began with a Friday night dinner and service and a keynote address by Jewish National Fund (JNF) education emissary, Col. Levi Shafran.

Linking irrigation problems and water conservation to the ecology, Shafran spoke of the various methods Israel had devised to ensure the most economic yet effective use of water.

Israel is probably the only country in the world, he noted, which plants trees in areas where trees don't normally grow. Israel has even developed a species of tree which does not require watering after the first few weeks and is able to survive in the desert on what natural rainfall there is.

Israel, he told the students, is setting an example to the world by enlarging its green areas.

The students held study groups and discussions on various ecological concerns and related political and economic issues. The group also heard Rabbi Israel Silverman speak on aspects of Jewish law regarding the environment.

Highlight of the weekend was the Saturday night dance in the JCC lounge which had been transformed into a tropical rain forest with trees, greenery and even a real waterfall with live goldfish swimming at the bottom.

Hamilton USY president Beth Lieberman was elated with the weekend's success. For her, the most exciting aspect of the convention was "meeting new people and just being there."

Organizing it was a lot of responsibility, said the grade 12 student, who co-chaired the event with vice-presient Rhona Seidelman. Now they are looking forward to attending the forthcoming regional convention in Toronto.

Beth Jacob education director, David Wilder, too, was delighted. The whole weekend "went very, very well," he said.

For the Hamilton chapter, the convention marked a highly successful return to active participation in the USY movement.

After years in the doldrums, the local USY chapter was revived about a year ago but it wasn't until preparations for the recent convention got underway that the kids really got turned on, said USY advisor Geoff Vertlieb.

"A lot of kids got hooked," said the McMaster University student, and as a result of the convention USY membership rose "almost 50 percent, from 20 kids to 35."

He praised parents and Beth Jacob's newly formed youth commission board under the chairmanship of Dr. William Seidelman for their help and support, and added that the group is now also seeking co-operation from the Hamilton Hebrew Academy and the other shuls.

"We are now actively going out after the younger kids, kids in grade 8," said Vertlieb. "We want them to come out and meet other Jewish kids and be involved in Jewish things."

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DATE	TIME/PLACE	EVENT	ORGANIZATION
FEB.			
TUESDAY 23	7 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue	Business & Professional Division Winter Program	UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
	7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	Arts Person of the Year Honouring Oscar Peterson	JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
THURSDAY 25	7:30 p.m., Bloor 'Y', 750 Spadina Ave	★"Judaism & Vegetarianism", Rabbi Michael Skobac	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
SUNDAY 28	8 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., 4th fl.	"The First Casualty of War": A Rehearsed Reading by the Medina Theatre	FEDERATION, JEWISH THEATRE COMMITTEE
MARCH			
MONDAY 1	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"The Psyche, Politics & Judaism", Rabbi J. Moscowitz	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	"Between Moscow and Jerusalem", Prof. Gila Golan & Jonathan Livny	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	Lecture: Passover Food Theme, Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz	CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC., JEWISH CHAPTER
TUESDAY 2	6:30 p.m., 1 Viewmount Ave.	Science Fair (Viewmount Branch)	EITZ CHAIM DAY SCHOOL
	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Changing Jewish Values & The Family", Dr. Charles Grysman	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
WEDNESDAY 3	7:30 p.m.; 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Unconventional Prophecy", Lorne Hanick	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
THURSDAY 4	9:45 a.m., Hospital Board Room	Board of Directors Meeting	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL
	10:30 a.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"The Biblical Bridge to Modern Zionism", Selma Sage	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rm. 421	Board Development	FEDERATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT.
	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Prophecy", Prof. M. Maidman	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
SATURDAY 6	9 a.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	Shabbat of Remembrance for the Jewish Community in Syria	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE
	9 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, Thornhill	Purim Masquerade Ball	HASHOMER HATZAIR and CAMP SHOMRIA
SUNDAY 7	10:30 a.m., Holy Blossom Temple	Purim Carnival	HOLY BLOSSOM TEMPLE
MONDAY 8	8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	1993 Hadassim Event, Production "Esther"	TORONTO HADASSAH-WIZO
TUESDAY 9	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Superstition vs. Custom", Rabbi Eliot Feldman	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
WEDNESDAY 10	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Couples", Shirley Switzman & Rabbi Y. Feigenbaum	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Current History: A Jewish Perspective", Dr. M. Manilla	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple	"The Big Cover-up" Matzo, Afikomen & Pillow Covers	POMEGRANATE GUILD
THURSDAY 11	6 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rm. 421	Regional Officers' Meeting	CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS
	7 p.m., Primrose Club, 2nd fl.	Young Business Network, Deanna Rosenswig	UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
SATURDAY 13	12 noon, Beth Tzedec Synagogue	Shabbat Study Luncheon, Prof. Sara Ginaite	BETH TZEDEC CONGREGATION
SUNDAY 14	10 a.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	"Wines and Spirits for Passover", Carol Slatt	BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD & MEN'S CLUB
	11 a.m. & 4 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	Uncle Moishe Concert	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SYNAGOGUE
	7 p.m., Seneca College, Minkler Auditorium	Concert	CHABAD LUBAVITCH OF SOUTHERN ONTARIO
TUESDAY 16	6:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	Gala Dinner	BAIS YAAKOV ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
	6:30 p.m., 475 Patricia Ave., Willowdale	Science Fair (Patricia Branch)	EITZ CHAIM DAY SCHOOL
WEDNESDAY 17	7:30 p.m., Bloor 'Y', 750 Spadina Ave.	★"Three Conceptions of God", James Hyman	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
MONDAY 22	7 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	Video Series - "Europa/Europa"	BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE
	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Yiddish Is Alive And Well", Judge P. Givens	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	Annual Concert	MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION OF CANADA
TUESDAY 23	6 p.m., Sheraton Centre	Tribute Dinner	CDN. SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE, TOR. CHAPTER
	7 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue	"An Evening of Jewish Humour" with William Novack	ASSOCIATED HEBREW DAY SCHOOLS, PARENTS' ASSOC.
	8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	General Meeting - Wendy Dennis, B.A., author of "Hot & Bothered"	BETH TIKVAH SISTERHOOD
	8 p.m., *Location to be announced*	"Life After Life", Rabbi M. Lamm	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
WEDNESDAY 24	8 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	Annual Fashion Show	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
THURSDAY 25	9 a.m., Baycrest Centre	Baycrest Spring Sale (All Day)	BAYCREST CENTRE, BAYCREST WOMEN'S AUXILIARY
	7:30 p.m., Inn on the Park Hotel	Concert	CDN. FRIENDS OF EZRATH NASHIM HOSPITAL
	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"For Love of Zion: Songs of Israel's Pioneers", Naomi Bell	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
SAT. 27 MON 29	Inn on the Park Hotel	National Leadership Conference	UNITED ISRAEL APPEAL OF CANADA INC.
TUESDAY 30	*Time to be announced*, Ottawa, Ont.	Parliamentary Dinner & Policy Conference (2 days)	CANADA-ISRAEL COMMITTEE
APRIL			
THURSDAY 1	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Living in an Imperfect World", Rabbi L. Troster	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
SATURDAY 3	9 p.m., Art Gallery of Ontario	"The Art of the Bond"Dance and Silent Auction	STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS, NEW LEADERSHIP DIV.
WED. 14 - 28	Led by Prof. Irving Abella	Commemorative Mission to Poland and Israel	CANADIAN JEWISH CONGRESS, NATIONAL MISSION
WEDNESDAY 14	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Parenting in Early Biblical History", Rabbi H. Hoschander	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	8 p.m., Koffler Gallery, 4588 Bathurst St.	Gala Patron Evening	KOFFLER GALLERY, JCC
THURSDAY 15	9 a.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	2nd Annual Conf. for Professionals, Holocaust Survivors and Their Families	HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMM. and JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE
	6:30 p.m., Inn on the Park Hotel	Tribute Dinner Honouring Gerald Turner	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL
	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Sugar or Spice", Rachel Turkienicz	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
SUNDAY 18	2 p.m., Queen's Park - Convocation Hall	Yom Hashoah Comm. Service, Warsaw Ghetto Uprising	JEWISH COMMUNITY OF GREATER TORONTO
	7 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	Video Series - "Nasty Girl"	BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE
	8 p.m., *Location to be announced*	Holocaust Lecture	CDN. FRIENDS OF BIKUR CHOLIM HOSPITAL, JERUSALEM
MONDAY 19	6:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	7th Annual Neighbourhood Interfaith Dinnner	BETH TZEDEC MEN'S CLUB
TUESDAY 20	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Echoes From Sinai", Rabbi Mark Dratch	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Jewish Biomedical Ethics", Rabbi H. Sacknovitz	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
WEDNESDAY 21	7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	Lecture: Beate Klarsfeld	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
	9:45 a.m., Beth Emeth Synagogue	Education Day: a.m. - Karen Mock; p.m. - Maxine Blendis	JEWISH COMMUNITY OF GREATER TORONTO
	7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	Volunteer Recognition Event	FEDERATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT.
	7:30 p.m., Bradgate Arms Hotel	Annual Fashion Show	CDN. SHAARE ZEDEK HOSP. FOUND., TOR. WOMEN'S DIV.
THURSDAY 22	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg., Rm. 421	Board Development	FEDERATION HUMAN RESOURCES DEPT.
SUNDAY 25	8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	Yom Ha'atzmaut Concert	CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION, CENTRAL REGION
MONDAY 26	10 a.m., JCC North Branch	All Day Yom Ha'atzmaut Celebration	CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION, CENTRAL REGION
	6:30 p.m., Inn on the Park Hotel	Woman of Valour Dinner: Mrs. Ruhama Goldstein	STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS, WOMEN'S DIVISION
TUESDAY 27	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Being Jewish", Dr. Leo Davids	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Jewish Philosophy", Rabbi S. Saltzman	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	8 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Archaeological Manuscripts & Scrolls", Dr. A. Nussbaum	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
WEDNESDAY 28	8:45 a.m., O.I.S.E.	5th Symposium on Women & Health	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"What Did They Think of the Jews", Allan Gould	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	A Grand Night of Song, M. Dubois/P. Kowarsky	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE
THURSDAY 29	7:30 p.m., JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St., Thornhill	★"Shabbat: Is It An Island In Time?", Rabbi H. Markose	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	7:30 p.m., Barbara Frum Library, North York	Wills Clinic	CDN. SHAARE ZEDEK HOSP. FOUND., and ROYAL TRUST
MAY			
SATURDAY 1	8:30 p.m., Sheraton Parkway North Convention Centre	Las Vegas Night	NA'AMAT TORONTO
SUNDAY 2	10 a.m., St. Lawrence Market, Toronto	Annual Spring Bazaar	B'NAI BRITH WOMEN OF CANADA
	2 p.m., Private Home	Special Tea	DR. ABRAHAM SHORE ACADEMY/SHE'ARIM HEBREW DAY SCHOOL
MONDAY 3	7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Cong. Board Room	"The Principles of Conservative Judaism"; Rabbi William Lebeau	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE
	6:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	Sensations - An Evening of Theatre, Auction & Decadent Desserts	LEO BAECK DAY SCHOOL
	7:30 p.m., 4588 Bathurst St.	★"Jewish Views of Psychology", John Lawrence Miller	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
TUESDAY 4	7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	"The Principles of Conservative Judaism", Rabbi William Lebeau	BETH TZEDEC SYNGOGUE
WEDNESDAY 5	8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	Lecture: Thelma Feldman, M.A.	CANADIAN DIABETES ASSOC., JEWISH CHAPTER
SUNDAY 9	6 p.m., Torah Emeth Synagogue	Lottery	NER ISRAEL YESHIVA
	7:30 p.m., Bloor 'Y', 750 Spadina Ave.	★"Moving Images & Traditional Ones", Daniel Mond	INSTITUTE FOR JEWISH LEARNING, JCC
	9 a.m., Baycrest Centre	Baycrest Run & Walk	BAYCREST CENTRE
	2 p.m., Private Home	Spring '93 Mother & Daughter Fashion Show	ASSOCIATED HEBREW DAY SCHOOLS, PARENTS' ASSOC.
	8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	Musica Beth Tikvah Concert	BETH TIKVAH SYNAGOGUE
MONDAY 10	7 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	Fashion Show	EMUNAH WOMEN OF TORONTO
	7:30 p.m., Baycrest Centre, Posluns Auditorium	Public Health Forum Beyond the 'Blues'	BAYCREST CENTRE, WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

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MAY Cont'd			
TUESDAY 11	8 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue	Sisterhood Spring Fashion Show	BETH TIKVAH SISTERHOOD
WED. 12 THURS. 13	5 p.m., Shaar Sholom Synagogue	Spring Conference	ONT. BR. WOMEN'S LEAGUE FOR CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
WEDNESDAY 12	10 a.m., Leaside Gardens	Garden Hoe-Down	TORONTO HADASSAH-WIZO, ISRAELI & ANN FRANK CHAPTERS
	6:30 p.m., Jewish Community Centre, Bloor Br.	Annual Bloor 'Y' Dinner - "L'Chaim to our Members 80 • "	JCC, BLOOR BRANCH
	7:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue	125th Anniversary Annual Meeting	JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE
	8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple	"Cathedral Windows" Quilting Technique, Haya Nativ	POMEGRANATE GUILD
SAT. 15 SUN. 16	9:30 p.m., *Location to be announced*	1st Annnual Second Generation Conference	HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE JFED
SUNDAY 16	8 a.m., Montreal	7th National Convention	CANADIAN ZIONIST FEDERATION
	8 p.m., Sheraton Centre, Dominion Ballroom	2nd Annual Summer Soiree and Silent Auction	TORONTO HADASSAH-WIZO, LEV ZAHAV CHAPTER
	8 p.m., Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave.	Team Club Reunion 1953—93	JCC, BLOOR 'Y'
TUESDAY 18	Evening, New Theatre	Evening sponsoring Miss Saigon in honour of 75th Birthday celebration	BAYCREST CENTRE
	8 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue	Yom Yerushalayim Concert	BETH DAVID B'NAI ISRAEL BETH AM & BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA
WEDNESDAY 19	8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	Choral Concert	FEDERATION, JEWISH MUSIC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 20	7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue	Elie Wiesel "God and Man: On Trial"	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
MONDAY 24	8 a.m.—2 p.m., Earl Bales Park to JCC	Walk for Israel	UNITED JEWISH APPEAL
	11 a.m., Bayview Village Mall, Sheppard & Bayview	7th Annual Craft and Gift Sale	NA'AMAT TORONTO, BEERSHEBA CLUB
SUNDAY 30	11:30 a.m., *Location to be announced*	125th Anniversary Picnic	JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE
JUNE			
TUESDAY 1	6 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	Installation Dinner	BETH AVRAHAM YOSEPH SISTERHOOD
	8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Syngogue	Annual Firestone Concert	BETH TZEDEC SYNAGOGUE
WEDNESDAY 2	9:30 a.m., Lionhead Golf Club	Annual Golf Tournament	CANADIAN TECHNION SOCIETY
	6 p.m., Regal Constellation Hotel	Annual Dinner	REENA FOUNDATION
SUNDAY 6	8 p.m., Roy Thomson Hall	Fund Raising Event	ONTARIO MEN'S ORT
MONDAY 7	6 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue	42nd Annual Humanitarian Dinner Honouring Ed Mirvish	BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD
TUESDAY 8	7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre	Jewish Federation Annual Meeting/93	FEDERATION OFFICERS
WEDNESDAY 9	7:30 a.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue	Update '93: A Seminar for Lawyers, Accountants & Estate Planners	UNITED JEWISH WELFARE FUND, ENDOWMENT FUND
	6:30 p.m., O'Keefe Centre	Mount Sinai Gala	MOUNT SINAI HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
	8 p.m. *Location to be announced*	"Show & Share"	POMEGRANATE GUILD
SUNDAY 13	5:30 p.m., boarding at Queen's Quay Terminal	"Dream Weavers Cruise"	CDN. SOCIETY FOR THE WEIZMANN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
	5:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue	Israel Bonds 40th Anniversary Dinner	STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS
MON. 14 FRI. 18	9 a.m., Haifa, Israel	International Board of Governors Meetings	CANADIAN TECHNION SOCIETY
MONDAY 14	7:30 p.m. *Location to be announced*	Concert	BEIT HALOCHEM
WEDNESDAY 16	8 p.m., Eitz Chaim School, Patricia Branch	Boys' Graduation	EITZ CHAIM DAY SCHOOL
THURSDAY 17	8 p.m., Eitz Chaim School, Viewmount Branch	Girls' Graduation	EITZ CHAIM DAY SCHOOL
SUNDAY 20	7 p.m., *Location to be announced*	Fund Raising Dinner	JEWISH RUSSIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
MONDAY 21	7 p.m., Regal Constellation Hotel	9th Annual Sports Celebrity Dinner	JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE
SUNDAY 27	10 a.m. *Location to be announced*	Annual Scholarship Breakfast, Rabbi Nota Schiller	OHR SOMAYACH THORNHILL
JULY			
WEDNESDAY 14	12 noon, Glen Eagle Golf Club	3rd Annual Golf Tournament	CDN. SHAARE ZEDEK HOSP. FOUND., ASSOCIATES GROUP
AUG.			
WEDNESDAY 11	12 noon, Lionhead Golf & Country Club	Golf Tournament	B'NAI BRITH FOUNDATION
SEPT.			
MONDAY 6	2 p.m., Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave.	Hachnasat Torah & Dedication of the Israel & Golda Koschitzky Torah Centre	ULPANAT OROT DAY SCHOOL & YESHIVAT BNEI AKIVA OR CHAIM
TUESDAY 7	6:30 p.m., Ulpanat Orot Day School, 45 Canyon Ave.	Hachnasat Torah & Dedication of the Israel & Golda Koschitzky Torah Centre	ULPANAT OROT DAY SCHOOL & YESHIVAT BNEI AKIVA OR CHAIM
WEDNESDAY 8	12-5 & 7-11 p.m., *Location to be announced*	Gala Wedding	JEWISH RUSSIAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
THURS. 9 SUN. 12	7:30 p.m., Princess of Wales Theatre	Miss Saigon Evening	CANADIAN TECHNION SOCIETY
THURSDAY 9	9 a.m., Montreal	National Board Convention	CANADIAN TECHNION SOCIETY
SATURDAY 11	8 p.m., *Location to be announced*	Debate: Prof. Irwin Cotler & Prof. Alan Dershowitz	CDN. FRIENDS OF HEBREW UNIV. NEW LEADERSHIP & ISRAEL BONDS
TUESDAY 21	8:30 p.m., Arcadian Court, downtown Toronto	Monte Carlo and Silent Auction	ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND
	8 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, Grand Ballroom	Test Event	SHAARE ZEDEK HOSPITAL FOUNDATION MAJOR GIFTS
OCT.			
SUNDAY 24	6:30 p.m., Inn on the Park Hotel	Annual Governors Dinner	ONTARIO MEN'S ORT
WEDNESDAY 27	8 p.m., North York Performing Arts Centre	"Showboat"	CANADIAN FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY
SATURDAY 30	8 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue	Gala 20th Anniversary Celebration Honouring Cantor Louis Danto	BETH EMETH BAIS YEHUDA
SUNDAY 31	6:30 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue	Dinner	CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FOR LABOUR ISRAEL
NOVEMBER			
TUESDAY 2	8 p.m., North York Performing Arts Centre	"Showboat"	JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE
THURSDAY 4	8 p.m., North York Performing Arts Centre	"Showboat"	BETH SHOLOM SYNAGOGUE
SUNDAY 7	7:30 p.m., Lipa Green Bldg.	Community Forum	JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE
MON. 8 TUES. 9	9 a.m., The Old Mill	Forum for Mental Health Professionals	JEWISH FAMILY & CHILD SERVICE
TUESDAY 9	7:30 p.m., North York Performing Arts Centre	"Showboat"	B'NAI BRITH CANADA
SATURDAY 13	8:30 p.m., Inn on the Park Hotel	50th Anniversary "Evening of Excellence"	CANADIAN TECHNION SOCIETY
SUNDAY 21	All Day, Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview, Thornhill	Craft Sale	TEMPLE HAR ZION SISTERHOOD
SUNDAY 28	4 p.m., Sheraton Centre Hotel	Annual Negev Dinner	JEWISH NATIONAL FUND OF CANADA

APRIL, 1994

THURSDAY 7	7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue	Yom Hashoah V'Hagvurah	CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR YAD VASHEM & BETH TZEDEC

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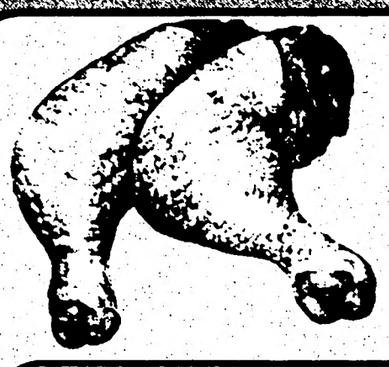

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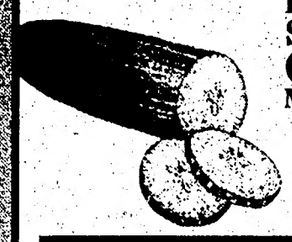

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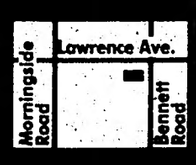

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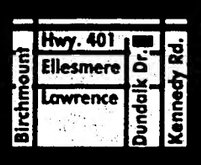

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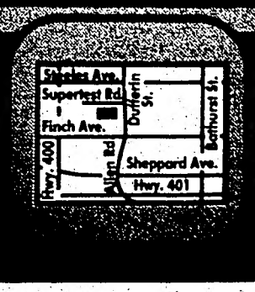

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McGill U students protest Hamas violence

By DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

Standing almost motionless as falling snow settled silently onto their heads and shoulders, Jewish students last week staged a two-day memorial vigil at McGill University to protest Hamas violence against Jews and their fellow Palestinians.

The students, numbering only 11, each wore a placard bearing the names of an Arab or Jew who has been killed in the violence.

They stood solemnly for an hour each day, while organizers distributed anti-Hamas flyers to scores of passing students.

In the background, names of Jews and Arabs whom the protestors said were victims of Hamas or Islamic Jihad terror — including Canadians Marnie Kimmelman, Shelley Halpenny, and Fern Rykiss — echoed from a loudspeaker off the concrete facade of the university's union building.

According to organizers, the vigil was intended primarily to counter an increasingly fractious war of words at McGill between students protesting the expulsion of the 400 pro-Hamas Palestinians, and Jewish student groups that feel that the student body has been exposed to only one side or a limited view of the question.

The vigil, organizers said, was also meant as a specific reaction to a two-day hunger strike at McGill organized the previous week by the campus' pro-Palestinan group, the Palestinian Solidarity Committee (PSC), and which took on an added degree of controversy because one of the participants, Jason Prince, is also president of the Student Society of McGill University (SSMU).

At writing, the SSMU was scheduled to debate a resolution that would see it take a stand on the deportations, a motion that Jewish students were preparing to fight right up to a vote scheduled for late last week.

"As far as I know, there has never been an anti-Israel resolution passed by a university student government. This could be a dangerous precedent," said Howard Liebman, a second-year McGill commerce student and the president of Tagar, one of the Jewish student groups that organized the vigil. "In England, they once barred Zionist groups from operating on campuses, and we don't want to open the door to that possibility."

During the hunger strike, according to a report in the SSMU newspaper, *The McGill Tribune*, Hillel students set up an "information table" across from a room in the Shatner Building where the strikers assembled, in order to provide a "proper context" to global events, volunteer Michael Lipman (who also helped to organize the vigil) was quoted as saying.

Liebman said Tagar was so frustrated by what it felt to be misrepresentations about Hamas in the left-leaning campus newspaper, The McGill Daily, that Tagar members inserted anti-Hamas flyers into hundreds of copies.

The following day, outraged editors of *The Daily*, branded the material "racist hate propaganda."

At the vigil, Rabbi Reuben Poupko, of the Beth Israel Beth Aaron Synagogue, labelled *The McGill Daily* "viciously anti-Israel" and the Hamas as terrorists "committed to destroying the peace process.

"Jews are not the enemy of Islamic fundamentalism — peace is," Rabbi Poupko said. "Hamas and Islamic Jihad are the enemies of peace."

For all the controversy, however, Liebman was hopeful last week that Jewish students, through lobbying efforts, would be able to win over a majority of the 34 SSMU council members needed to defeat the resolution on the deportations.

Ari Light, the shaliach for Tagar, said the vigil was organized by a coalition of left and right Jewish groups, including the McGill Progressive Zionist Caucus, Hillel and Tagar, under the overall name Student Coalition for a Just Peace in the Middle East.

JERUSALEM PAVILION LEADERS

Community leader Monty Mazin (centre) has been reappointed mayor and chair of the 1993 Jerusalem Pavilion. Joining Mazon as vice-chairpersons are Michael Kates (left), B'nai B'rith's community volunteer chair and Forestdale Heights Lodge member; and Lorne Bernstein (right), a vice-president of Toronto Freedom Lodge. BBC will once again sponsor the pavilion at the annual Metro International Caravan, which runs from June 19-26.

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Toronto rabbis honored

TORONTO —

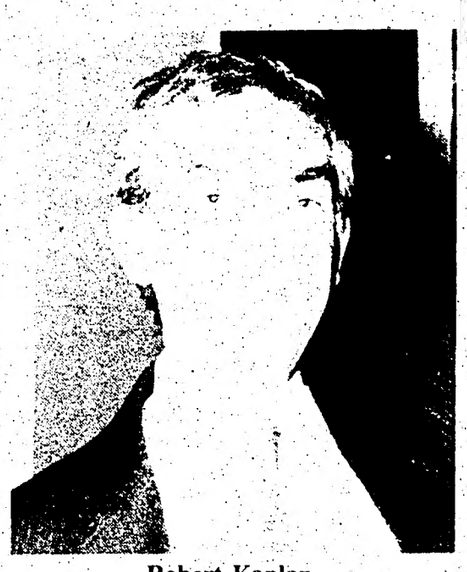
A number of Toronto rabbis were honored last week with the Governor-General's Special Commemorative Medal to mark the 125th anniversary of Confederation.

The rabbis were among 40 leaders from the Jewish, other religious and general communities to receive the medal from member of Parliament Robert Kaplan (Lib.-York Centre) at a ceremony at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Sheppard Ave. W.

The recipients received the medal in recognition of their "significant contribution to their fellow citizens, their community or to Canada."

The awards are similar to the special commemorative medallions struck to mark Canada's centennial and the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977.

The rabbis who received the medal are: Amram Assayag, Moses Burak, Joseph Kelman, Yitzchok Kerzner, H. Light, Steven Saltzman, Philip Scheim, Erwin Schild and Irwin Witty.



Robert Kaplan

Kibbutz program leader to visit

WASHINGTON —

A director of the B'nai B'rith-sponsored Kibbutz High School Program, Dubi Benari, will be visiting the Toronto area March 8-10.

Kibbutz High School is a one-year program for Grade 10 high school students at Kibbutz Kfar Blum, and Grade 11 students at Kibbutz Beit Hashita. The program, founded in 1969, is sponsored by the B'nai B'rith Israel Commission, in co-operation with the World Zionist Organization's department of education, the Authority for Jewish-Zionist Education, and the Israeli Ministry of Education.

Both programs, for which students receive full credit, "consistently attract the best and the brightest of our young people," states Joseph Husecher, chair of the Israel Commission. "Graduates invariably rank high in college admission, educational and professional achievement and continuing involvement with the Jewish community and Israel."

Benari will be meeting with prospective students and others interested in the program on March 9 at 8 p.m. at the Israel Youth Program Centre, Room 211, JCC North branch.

For more information call Ofer Gavish at 398-6931.

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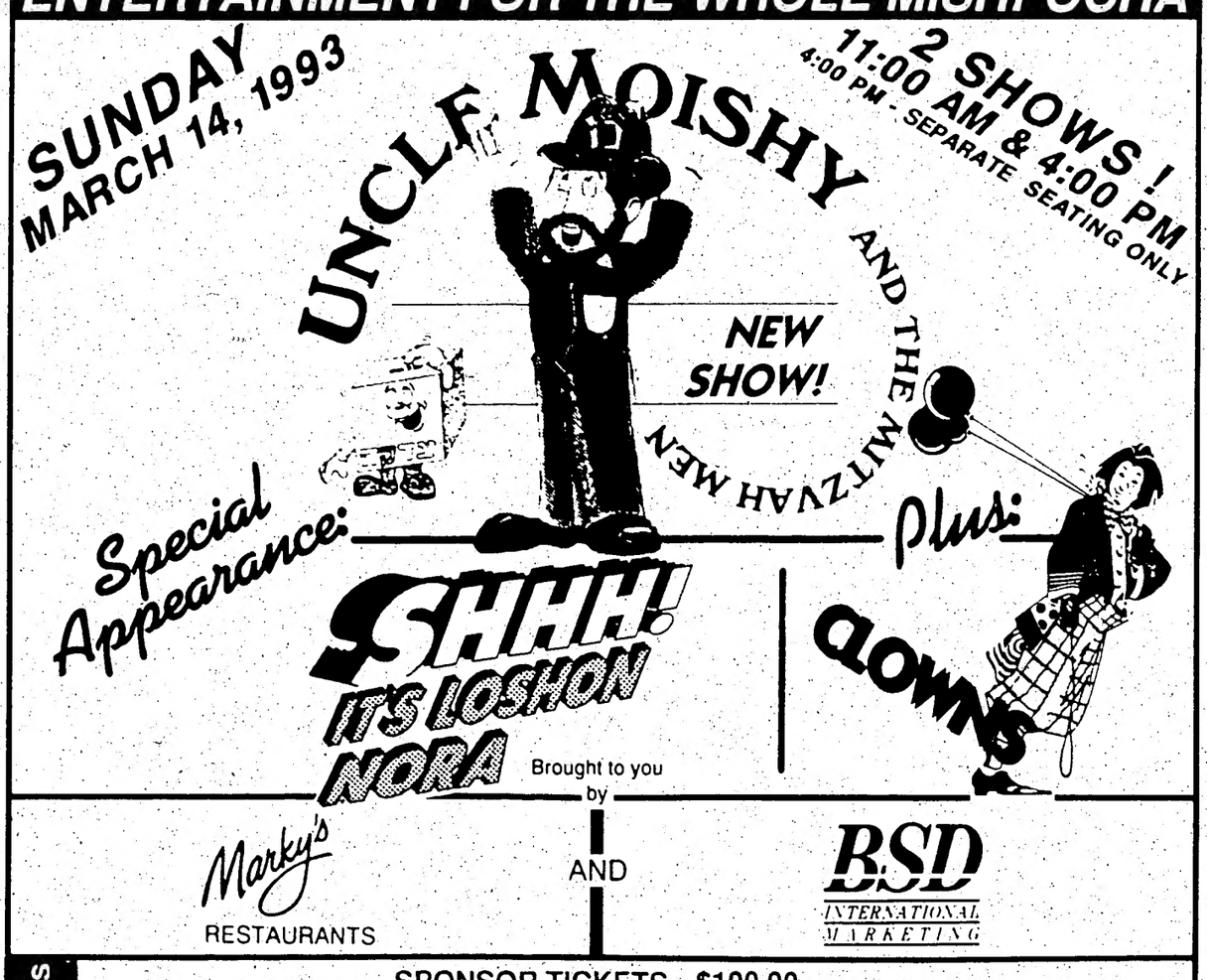

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B.C. coalition planning conference to fight racism

By MAURICE LUCOW

SALMON ARM, B.C. —

The Salmon Arm Coalition Against Racism (SACAR) is sponsoring a one-day conference here on March 27 in an effort to fight organized racism in the province.

David Lethbridge, a psychology professor at the local campus of Okanagan University-College, organized SACAR last year to fight organized racism in Salmon Arm. Now, he wants to extend the fight across the province and the purpose of the conference, he says, is to start building a network across British Columbia that can share information on and tactics of racist groups.

"The creation of an anti-racist organization in every community is our goal," he says in a brochure mailed out to potential participants in the parley. The conference is getting financial assistance from Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada.

Principal speakers scheduled are Lethbridge, Allan Dutton of the B.C. Organization to Fight Racism and Martin Theriault, of the Canadian Centre on Racism and Prejudice.

"Neo-nazi groups, the KKK, skinheads, the Identity Church, the Church of our Creator, Aryan Nations and many other hate groups are active and recruiting in our communities," says Lethbridge. "We must find ways to combat, expose and eliminate these groups. Peaceful solutions to organized hatred are possible."

Lethbridge, a former Montrealer, organized SACAR last summer, and by September had published a report, *This is Racism*, which identified the various racist groups operating in the area and quoted from their literature and tried to explain their philosophies. One of the key recommendations he made in the report was for the provincial government to establish a cabinet post to prevent the spread of racist activities and the elimination of racist organizations

The SACAR report says that even though the focus of organized racism in British Columbia is most frequently the Jews, "the struggle against racism is not a religious struggle, nor is it of interest to only those of Jewish heritage. Anti-Black and anti-Asian propaganda are also high on the racist agenda."

According to reporter Kirk Makin, of the Toronto *Globe and Mail*, who visited Salmon Arm recently, Lethbridge's main protagonist in the small Okanagan city is Eileen Pressler, who in 1985 founded the Council on Public Affairs (CPA) which publishes a newsletter claiming readership of 12,000 people. Makin says the newsletter "is obsessed with Zionist influence, the monetary system and world power elites."

He quotes Pressler as saying that "everything we do is done from the point of view of Christian scripture. For example, we don't support sodomy . . . Well there are people who do! Satanists and Jews."

Makin says much of her conversation is like that — laced with anti-Semitic asides. The Talmud "nestles on her book shelves, next to Hitler's biography and a book called Hitler's War."

Through Pressler's efforts, Salmon Arm has become a way station for people like James Keegstra, David Irving, Malcolm Ross and Ernst Zundel who have spoken at CPA meetings. Her organization runs annual "leadership conferences" at which prominent anti-Semites and white supremacists are honored.

Kirk Makin says that CPA operated for years without much objection. But when Lethbridge arrived in Salmon Arm a little over a year ago, "he decided to kick the town out of its complacency — and Pressler and her husband out of town." He organized demonstrations against the Presslers and a boycott of the Pressler pharmacy. He then organized SACAR and produced the report of racist groups.

Lethbridge believes this type of campaign is the most effective way to fight anti-Semitism and "my objective is to have the council disband and the members leave town."

Lethbridge says in his report that while SACAR strongly supports the concept of free speech, "we contend that the same concept is being used by organized racists to mask their true activities: the spread of racist ideas, the dissemination of hate literature and the recruitment of others to their cause."

Registration fee for the conference, to be held at Salmon Arm's Shuswap Inn, is $15 per delegate. For information and registration form write to SACAR, 3521 20 Ave. N.E., Salmon Arm, B.C., V1E 4M4, or phone 604-832-6678.

HELPING CHILDREN

The Toronto New Leadership Group of the Jerusalem Foundation will soon begin construction of a play ground for children in Kiryate Menahem, one of Jerusalem's most impoverished areas. The New Leadership Group recently formed a unique "urban kibbutz" on Nurit Street to help the neighborhood. The kibbutz will be composed of mainly trained social and community workers.

The organization recently screened the Canadian premiere of *Double Edge* directed by Amos Kollek and filmed on location in Israel. Faye Dunaway stars in the film as an American reporter covering the intifada for her New York newspaper from Jerusalem. Kollek often cuts interviews with notable Israeli and Palestinian spokesmen into the fictional storyline.

The drawings shown in the photo were painted by the childen in the day care facilities at the Nurit Street project. Seen (from right) are Vanessa Stanley, public relations chair; Elaine Goldstein, president; Alan Feld and Connie Putterman, co-chairs, Toronto New Leadership Group; and Rochelle Israel, director.

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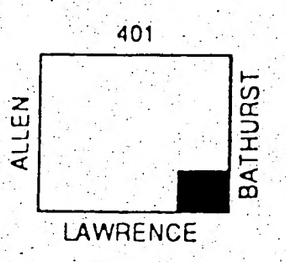

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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

DEADLINE REMINDER

The deadline for What's New and About People is Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, Feb. 25 is deadline for March 11 issue and Thursday, March 4 is deadline for March 18 issue). I am at my desk on Thursdays only, to receive your calls and sort my mail. The number is 422-2331.

Thursday, Feb. 25

AISH HATORAH WOMEN

Get involved in the community. Don't know how? Join Aish HaTorah for its first ever women's division meeting, 8 p.m. Thursday Feb. 25 at 296A Wilson Ave. Everyone is welcome. For details call **Shellie,** 771-0903.

Saturday, Feb. 27

CELEBRITY GAMBLE & AUCTION

Leah Posluns Theatre's Great Celebrity Gamble and Auction is set for Saturday, Feb. 27. Try your luck at Las Vegas-style games. Doors are open 6 p.m.- midnight. There is also a draw ($10 per ticket) for a round trip for two to Las Vegas with accommodation, courtesy of Payless Travel Thornhill and Adventure Tours. The super auction will include everything from electronic equipment to weekend getaways. Don't forget your autograph book and/or camera. Celebrities will be helping at the auction.

Join in the fun, and help the Leah Posluns Theatre. Proceeds go to special youth theatre projects and playscript development.

BEAT THE BLAHS TRIVIA NIGHT

At Beat the Blahs Trivia Night, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 in Temple Har Zion, each table will work as a team to stump the "Blahs," the trivia masters who issued the challenge. Various topics for all age groups. Refreshments. Prizes for winning tables. For tickets, $5.95, cash or cheque, call 889-2252.

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Try your luck! Just $10 gives you an entire evening of smoke-free Bingo (all the cards), at Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave., 8 p.m Saturday, Feb. 27. Cash prizes. To inquire further, call 229-2600.

SHAAREI BETH EL, OAKVILLE

Rebecca Sisterhood, Shaarei Beth El Congregation, 186 Morrison Rd., Oakville, welcomes you to its auction, Saturday, Feb. 27. Preview and silent auction, 6:30 p.m. Live auction, 7:30. Wine and cheese. Admission $5. Proceeds to Children's Education Fund and other worthwhile causes. For further details, please call **Wilma,** 634-9622 or **Kim,** 847-2908.

Sunday, Feb. 28

NARAYEVER SHUL

Where Do Babies Really Come From? A Primer in Jewish Genealogy, will be the topic of a lecture by **Paul Pascal** at the Narayever Shul, 187 Brunswick Ave., 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. Free admission.

SHAAREI SHOMAYIM BREAKFAST CLUB

Rabbi Yakov Palatnik of the Village Shul, will zero in on Jewish Survival, when Shaarei Shomayim Breakfast Club, 470 Glencairn, meets Sunday, Feb. 28. Services 9 a.m. Breakfast follows.

MEDINA THEATRE

Sam Godstein's *The First Casualty of War (Israel Confronts the Intifada: Beyond the Uniform)* a rehearsed reading, will be presented by the Medina Theatre Ensemble, 8 p.m Sunday, Feb. 28 in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. A discussion with the author follows. Admission, $5 at the door. For more information, call 635-2883 ext. 154.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM

Disturbed by the number of Christian organizations in Toronto targeting Jews for conversion, **Julius Ciss,**director of Jews for Judaism will discuss his odyssey from five years as a Jew for Jesus, to traditional Judaism. A missionary-produced film will be shown and **Rabbi Michael Skobac,** director of the Jewish Students' Union, U.of T., will examine claims made by Christian missionaries. This takes place 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at Anshe Minsk Congregation, 10 St. Andrews St. Suggested admission (includes lunch) is $7.50, students $4. Call 595-5723 or 424-1886.

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Preliminary heats in the 15-18 year age group for the Canadian Zionist Federation Public Speaking Competition, continue Feb. 28 at Congregation Or Shalom, 534 Huron St., London, 11 a.m.; Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., 1:30 p.m.; Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., 2 p.m.

ZELDA YOUNG SHOW

Yoram Gordon, Jerusalem emissary of the Jewish National Fund for Southwestern Ontario, will appear on the *Zelda Young Show*, CTV, 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28.

KOLEYNU PURIM SEMINAR

Koleynu, a congregation meeting the needs of Toronto's lesbian and gay Jewish community, plans a Purim education seminar which also includes making hamentaschen, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Bloor Y, 750 Spadina Ave. Members $3, non-members, $5.

GRAND SOCIETY

GRAND Society, Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity, meets 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at 16 Spadina Rd. to hear a lawyer specializing in family law. Question and answer period. Non-members, $3.

ISRAELI ACADEMICIANS

The Israeli Association of Academicians in Toronto invites members to a get together 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. Program will include a presentation by **Shuli Dichter** on The Communal Changes in the Life of a Kibbutz Today, plus discussion, singalong and refreshments. Admission, $4 per person. For more information, call 493-7453.

Monday, March 1

JEWISH DIABETES CHAPTER

A Taste of Passover Tradition the Diabetic Way, will be the focus of the next Jewish Diabetes chapter meeting, 8 p.m. Monday, March 1 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., with **Rabbi Howard Sacknowitz** and nutritionist **Paula Ruch.** Please bring Miracle Mart tapes . Everyone welcome. Admission, CDA members, $1, non-members, $2. For further information, contact **Esther Schwartz,** 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt,** 225-1989.

ANTI-SEMITISM DISCUSSION

On Monday, March 1 at 8 p.m., in response to concerns over recent anti-Semitic incidents, Holy Blossom Temple invites the public to hear a panel of experts consider, Anti-Semitism in Canada - Is It Growing? Panelists include: **Prof. Alan Davies,** U.of T., a Christian who brings a fresh perspective; **Prof. Michael Brown,** York University; and **Manuel Prutschi,** executive director, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region.

ISRAEL DAY AT U. OF T.

Jewish Students' Union, U. of T., welcomes you to Israel Day at Sidney Smith Hall, 100 St. George St., featuring an Israel Fair with live music, food, Jewish books and gifts, as well as displays by Israeli organizations.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Sovereignty in Jewish Life, a study program sponsored jointly by Adath Israel Congregation and Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, continues with an exploration of David Ben Gurion: Zionism on the Ground , Monday, March 1 at Beth David, 55 Yeomans Rd.

BETWEEN MOSCOW & JERUSALEM

Between Moscow and Jerusalem, with **Prof. Galia Golan** and **Jonathan Livny,** is the next Issues and Insights lecture presented by New Leadership Toronto chapter, in co-operation with the Institute for Jewish Learning, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 7:45 p.m. Monday, March 1 at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.
For cost, call 485-8000.

Tuesday, March 2

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

The T'nach Study Group wil focus on the Book of Kings I Chapter XV with **Rabbi Pinchas Brumer,** Tuesday, March 2 at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

HADASSAH-WIZO BOWL

Samya chapter, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, is arranging a bowling evening with prizes, desserts and more, at Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd., 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. Tickets, $18 in advance, or at the door. For reservations, call **Terry,** 731-3730. Proceeds to day care centres and Haddasim Youth villages.

BIKUR CHOLIM LUNCHEON

Join the women of Bikur Cholim for luncheon, 12 noon, Tuesday, March 1 at 1 Viewmount Ave., when **Rabbi Nachum Berlat,** director of pastoral services, Baycrest Centre, describes Bikur Cholim at the Supreme Court of Medicine: Vignettes and Stories from the Mayo Clinic. Minimum donation, $25, at the door. All proceeds to Bikur Cholim (Jewish Volunteer Service of Toronto).

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Adath Israel Sisterhood welcomes everyone to Appetizers and Desserts from Beginning to End, a cooking demonstration and scrumptious tasting session, with home economist **Vivian Anhang,** 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 2. Members $5, non-members, $8. To reserve, call **Gloria,** 731-4420 or **Cheryl,** 630-5090.

Wednesday, March 3

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE ASSOCIATION

Manic-Depressive Association of Toronto, meets 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 at 40 Orchard View Blvd., Room 224C (second floor), to hear **Dr. Lawrence Martin** explain Diagnosis and Treatment of Depression. All are welcome. For information about support groups, call 486-8046.

MUSICAL

The United Synagogue Day School Bayview campus Grade 4 students presented a Hebrew musical about the lives of Samuel and King Saul. Here, Chana, (left) played by Andrea Herschorn, is reassured by Elkana, portrayed by Matthew Maldoff.

KABBALAH COURSE

Kabbalah, a course conducted by **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin,** continues with Dreams and Dreamers, 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 at Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. No charge. Call 886-0420.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

POP MUSICAL AT LEAH POSLUNS

The Canadian premiere of *Esther*, a pop musical giving new meaning to the ancient story of Purim, runs March 3-28 at the Leah Posluns Theatre. Box office, 630-6752.

BETH SHOLOM PURIM CARNIVAL

Beth Sholom Brotherhood's annual fun-filled Purim Carnival for kids of all ages, noon-3 p.m. Sunday, March 7 at the shul, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., features games, refreshments, clowns, puppet show, a prize for each youngster in costume and much more. Free admission!

BRING YOUR SKILLS TO BAYCREST

If you knit, crochet or do pottery, then you would make a perfect volunteer for Bayerest Centre which is looking for outgoing persons to help in the Arts and Crafts program. Hours are 1-3 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays. If interested, please call 785-2850 now.

TEMPLE SINAI MUSICAL LEGACY

Normally reserved for professional musicians, Temple Sinai's annual Musical Legacy Concert this year features gifted young soloists from within the congregation in an Oneg Shabbat program Friday, March 5. This will not be a student recital, but a performance by accomplished young men and women from temple families, together with professional artists. **Violinist Morry Kernerman,** will be concertmaster for the string ensembles and pianist **William Aide,** will accompany the young instrumentalists.

Featured performers are **Joanna Barsky,** clarinet; **Igor Gefter,** cello; **Gen Gitter,** cell; **Rebecca Gitter,** viola; **Elina Kelebeev,** piano; and **Brendan Steacy,** violin. Service begins at 8:15 p.m. Plan on attending and bring a friend.

SPEAK, READ, WRITE HEBREW

Registration is now open for adult and teen summer courses in conversational Hebrew (beginner, intermediate, advanced) at the Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies 788 Marlee Ave. Courses are 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, June 1-August 31. All classes are under the guidance of skilled Israeli teachers. The promise is that beginners will speak, read, write Hebrew in 14 sessions.

Free introductory private beginners lessons. Instructor is **Joseph Klinger.** For consultation and registration, call him at 787-0197.

HOST A NEWCOMER FOR SEDER

The community integration program, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre, are seeking families to host recently-arrived persons from the former Soviet Union or Sarajevo at one of your seders, April 5 or 6. If you would like to partake of a Pesach mitzvah, please call **Trudy Shecter,** 631-5680 for more information.

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Organizations and People

What's New

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Legacy of Miriam A Feminist Seder, Tuesday, March 23 at the B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. Registration 7 p.m., program 7:30. There will be an explanation of the Passover seder with discussion at round tables. You will enjoy the symbolic elements of the ritual meal and the unique Haggadah will be made available to use at your own seder. Men and women of all faiths are welcome. Minimum cost is $5. Reserve before March 9. Call 633-6224.

B'NAI BRITH OPENS PEEL OFFICE

B'nai Brith has opened an office in Mississauga. Halton/Peel is considered an ideal region in which to found new B'nai Brith lodges. President **Gabriel Nachman** notes, "As the Jewish population is growing and living in communities other than the major cities, we see this as a natural move."

For further information, call B'nai Brith Halton/Peel, Airport Rd., 678-9691.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

Secular Jewish Association (SJA) welcomes you to a Family Talent Night, Singalong and Dance, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at Edithvale Community Centre, corner of Edithvale and Finch. Members free, non-members, adult $5, children $3. RSVP 731-7066.

At 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 28 in St. Andrew's Junior High School, 131 Fenn Ave., SJA Adult Education Breakfast and Study invites you to, The Many Traditions of Judaism, a lecture/discussion on modern Jewish movements, with **Stacey Schiff,** rabbinical student at the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism. Members free, non-members, adult $5, children $3. RSVP, 731-7066.

SJA Youth Group has a lecture/discussion on What Happens After Death, with Stacey Schiff, 1 p.m. Feb. 28 at 5 Bruce Farm Dr. No charge. Call 731-7066.

SJA plans an Adult Social Night with dinner, trivia and silent auction, 73 Lunau Lane, Thornhill. Non-members, $15. RSVP, **Faegi,** 764-6648.

There will be a Family Purim Festival 10 a.m.-noon, Sunday, March 7 at the SJA Children's School located in St. Andrew's Junior High School. Non-members, $1. RSVP, 731-7066.

HOLY BLOSSOM PURIM CARNIVAL

Help Esther and Mordechai triumph again at Holy Blossom Temple Purim Carnival, 1950 Bathurst St. - games, rides, food, silent auction - 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7. Admission, members $1, non-members $2.

DURHAM JEWISH FAMILIES

Jewish Families of Durham hold a Family Purim Party, 2-5 p.m. Sunday, March 7 at Westshore Community Centre on Bayly St. in Pickering. Children are invited to come in costume. No charge. For details call **Judy,** 420-8859.

PURIM AT TEMPLE EMANU-EL

Join in the Family Purim Carnival with megillah reading, black light play, games, prizes, Saturday, March 6, 6:15 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd. Free admission. Nominal charge for food. Call 449-3880 to reserve.

KIDS ARE WORTH IT

Parenting expert **Barbara Coloroso,** presents Kids Are Worth It, 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at Temple Emanu-El, 120 Old Colony Rd. $15 advance registration, $20 at the door. Call 449-3880 to reserve.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

Senior Care (Community Services to Jewish Elderly) requires volunteers to provide escort and/or transportation for clients to medical appointments, shopping, banking and social activities within North York. Volunteers are reimbursed for gasoline and parking expenses. Please call **Arnold Foss,** 635-2860.

HOLOCAUST CONFERENCE

Holocaust Remembrance Committee and Jewish Family and Child Service has slated the second annual Conference for Professionals, Holocaust Survivors and their Families: Responding to Their Needs, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15 in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St. Featured speaker is psychiatrist **Dr. Anna Ornstein.** For details and registration, call 635-2883 ext. 144 or 638-7800 ext. 214.

SECOND GENERATION CONFERENCE

Guest speaker at the Second Generation Conference, to take place Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16, is **Helen Epstein,** author of *Children of Holocaust Survivors.* To register, call **Pnina Spetgang,** 635-2883 ext. 144.

MARKHAM STREET SHUL

Tuesday Learning Series at The Markham Street Shul, 397 Markham St., offers Understanding the Passover Seder, with **Rabbi Michael Skobac,** 7:30-8:30 p.m. March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and also 7:30-8:30, Who's Who and What's What in the Torah with **Rabbi Yaakov Kirzner.** From 8:30-9:30 p.m. Great Questions, Jewish Answers, with **Rabbi Mitch Mandel** and **Rabbi Aaron Hoch,** also 8:30-9:30, Parshah of the Week In Depth, with **Sholom Langner.** The series, Judaism Speaks to Contemporary Issues, led by **Rabbi Benjamin Hecht,** continues at 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 with Women in Judaism - Beyond Gender.

Admission is free. For more information call 533-0007.

WHY IS THIS NIGHT DIFFERENT?

Children ages 7 to 12 can create their own original craft for Passover, 4:15-5:15 p.m. Thursday, April 1st. Register at Armour Heights Library, 2140 Avenue Rd.

JF & CS PRESENTS SHOWBOAT

Jewish Family and Child Service is celebrating 125 years of service to the community. Join the celebraton on Tuesday, Nov. 2, for *Showboat,* at the North York Performing Arts Centre. For tickets and information, call **Florence Weinberger,** 638-7800, ext. 214.

JF & CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service Workshops include: For Women Only (begins March 23); You and Your Aging Parents: The Sandwich Generation (begins March 18); One Marriage:Two Religions (begins March 25). For details on fees and registration, call **Pat Lieberman,** 638-7800.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and Mincha Maariv at 5:20 p.m. Shabbat services are 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovitz** at 8 a.m. For information, call **David,** 256-1600.

PLAY AND AUCTION

Toronto Hadassah-WIZO invites you to a special evening at Leah Posluns Theatre. Enjoy the play *Esther* and participate in a Silent Auction, Monday, March 8. Auction starts at 6:30 p.m., play at 8. *Esther,* which combines traditional music with contemporary, from rock to reggae, is ideal entertainment for all ages. For tickets, $36 each, or further information, call 789-4373. Proceeds to day care centres and Hadassim School in Israel.

VENDORS TABLES

A few boutique vendors' tables are available for the Spring into 93 Fashion Show on Sunday, March 21 at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 3600 Bathurst St. Phone **Phyllis,** 445-5836 or the office, 787-1631.

EPILEPSY SUPPORT GROUP

An epilepsy support group meets on Sunday afternoons in North York. The focus is on sharing of experiences and information, creativity and stress management. For additional information, call **Reisa,** 889-7534.

BETH EMETH LECTURES

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda continuing education committee 100 Elder St., presents a three-part lecture series on Searching for Our Cultural Selves, with **Dr. Carole Carpenter,** professor of humanities at York University, 8 p.m. Wednesdays, March 5, The Family as a Cultural Base; March 10, Growing Up Jewish in Canada; March 17, On Being Canadian in the Contemporary World. To inquire,call 633-3838.

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Congregation hosts a Health and Wellness Information Fair at the shul, 100 Elder St., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, featuring lectures, videos, products and services displayed by health organizations, foundations and private enterprise. Early bird special for rental space is $150 before April 1, $175, afterward. For information, fax to 731-5981 or phone 633-3838.

for seniors

Senior Adult Services, JCC North branch, would like you to experience captivating Cape Cod, May 2-7. Your getaway tour includes return transportation via deluxe motorcoach, two nights enroute at Holiday Inns, folkdancing with Teme, three nights at the Hyannis Harborview, five buffet breakfasts, three dinners (fish available) plus guided tours, whale watching excursion, taxes and gratuities to local guides, driver and restaurants as well as cancellation/medical insurance. For cost and reservations, contact **Teme Kernerman,** 636-1880, ext. 364.

And Senior Adult Services invites you to see B'nai Brith's Dolls for Democracy, with **Anna Bloom,** 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, Room 202-203. No charge.

Bloor Y Good Age Club, 750 Spadina Ave., hosts a Purim Party with entertainment by **Lenka Lichtenberg** 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25. Refreshments. Admission $4. For more information call **Luni,** 924-6211.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Bingo on March 1. Aluma will celebrate at its annual Purim Party, with entertainment by the Chromatic Band, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 7. For tickets and information, call 635-5604 or 782-9432.

Wagman Centre invites you to the Canadian Zionist Federation public speaking competition, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 in the Assembly Room.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club, 470 Glencairn Ave., plans two one-day cruises, Thursday, June 24, Stoney Lake and Thursday, August 26, Bobcaygeon. The trip to Israel has been rescheduled. Call **Lena,** 785-5773 or **Ruth,** 224-5923, for information on these and other events and ongoing activities. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield,** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors Club holds a Saturday Dance 7-10 p.m. in the clubhouse, Feb. 27. Members free, non-members $1. Dance to a live band 7:30-10:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28 in the Community Centre. Cost is $3 members, $4 non-members. The movie, *Cocoon, The Return,* will be shown 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 3 in the clubhouse. For information regarding upcoming trips and activities, phone 395-7881.

Lifestyle, Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave., invites you to a slide show by **Dr. Ruth Sky,** which showcases Life Experiences Growing Up in Northern Ontario, 2 p.m. Thursday, March 4.

Sunrise Group offers a trip to The Pines Hotel in the Catskills. Departure every month - five days, four nights, with a trip to New York City - all inclusive (health insurance) $495 Canadian. Extra charge for a longer stay. Call **Esther,** 932-2534.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

Register now for Yiddish Culture and Living, a new course starting 1-3 p.m., March 12. Classes will be conducted in Yiddish. Instructor is **Richard Bassett.**For more information call **Norma,** 225-2112.

Don't miss an afternoon of total relaxation as you close your eyes and imagine. Blow away your aches and pains. Learn to use the Dynamic Jewel, relaxed breathing and visualization, with **Etti Tokayer,** 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28. Members free, non-members $1.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. It's a Purim Party with singer **Kobi Chaz** on March 4. And, every second Friday a Hebrew choir meets and rehearses at noon. Anyone who wants to sing is welcome. Next gathering is Feb. 26. For details, call **Anna,** 225-2112.

at the JCC

Bloor Y branch JCC, 750 Spadina Ave., invites children and parents to celebrate Purim at a carnival, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, March 7 - face painting, booths, prizes, games, entertainment. Admission, $3 per child, $1, accompanying adult. Concerts for Kids presents Meeting Place Theatre's heritage play, *Purim,* Sunday March 7. Showtime is 2 p.m. For information, call 924-6211.

Register your children for March Break Vacation Fun Days at the Bloor Y, great programs for youngsters in senior kindergarten to Grade 6, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday, March 15-19 (as many days as you wish). Each day brings a new focus. Daily activities include swim, gym and a specialty workshop. Bring your lunch. Fee, $27 per day or $125 per week.

The Gymnastics March Break Camp for 8-12 year olds - includes swimming - runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 15 through 19. Fee, $135.

And a Pottery Workshop is offered at the Bloor Y for ages 8-12, from 10 a.m.-noon, March 15 through 19. Fee, $100.

For details on March Break activities, call 924-6211.

TU B'SHEVAT PROGRAM

Renewing of Ties to Israel was the theme when The Israel Youth Program Centre, in conjunction with the Jewish National Fund (JNF) and the Jewish Community Centre, held a Tu b'Shevat celebration at the North Y branch. Assisting with activities- arts and crafts, Israeli music, and JNF tree planting - were members of Canadian Young Judaea, shown above. Also present were Habonim Dror, Hashomer Hatzair and BBYO.

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Organizations and People

Cole takes the reins of Baycrest board

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Stephen Cole, the youthful new chairman of the board of directors of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, says he is honored to have the opportunity to serve staff, volunteers, residents, their families, donors and the broad community.

At 41, Cole the senior partner at Cole & Partners Limited, a firm specializing in business valuations and corporate finance, told *The CJN* that one of his most important functions will be to help preserve Baycrest's "balanced philosophy of care: fostering innovative care, research and education on the one hand, but also preserving the warm humanistic tradition of caring for which Baycrest has long been known."

Stephen Cole

Described as "an all round guy" by his colleagues, Cole has been actively involved in Baycrest for more than 12 years. He has served as treasurer and sat on numerous advisory committees including strategic planning and the mission statement committee.

"Steve's caring nature, his financial expertise and his genuine interest in the concerns of elderly people made him a prime candidate for leadership of Baycrest," says Norman Schipper, a former chairman of the board, who first approached Cole to become involved in Baycrest.

Past chairman, Sydney Loftus, who notes that the growing field of geriatric care is attracting more young people both in direct care and in administration, says that Cole has demonstrated his commitment to Baycrest and the needs of older adults and their families. "I am confident Baycrest will make great strides under his leadership."

Cole spoke of the "dramatic and positive impact" on the quality of staff and volunteers attracted to Baycrest since the establishment of the Rotman Research Institute. Along with the Jewish Home for the Aged, the Day Care program, the Wagman Centre and the Terrace, Baycrest has a teaching hospital affiliated with the University of Toronto.

Cole says that as a result of decreasing government funding, caregivers and senior management have found innovative and effective ways to reduce the cost of care while simultaneously increasing the quality.

"While this sounds contradictory, it is the combined result of reorganized care delivery system, more appropriately qualified staff, and an integration of research and education." He adds that it continues to be "exceptionally difficult" to expand programs or to find new ones to meet increased demands. "Increased community and government support is needed," he says.

Cole sees Baycrest at the hub of a variety of co-ordinated facilities and programs. One of his goals is to expand Baycrest's services to help more people live at home or in the community provided they can do so with dignity and with no undue burden on their family and other caregivers. Also, he hopes to improve or even rebuild the Jewish Home for the Aged.

Despite his busy career and work for the community, Cole says that his wife Wendy, a yoga teacher, and sons Noah, 12, and Luke, 8, all enjoy skiing, tennis and canoeing together. The Coles are members of Temple Habonim.

Affable and filled with enthusiasm, Cole looks forward to the mammoth challenges before him. "One thing that makes Baycrest so unique is the effective way that everyone works together. Staff and volunteers are Baycrest's most important resource. Not only are they caregivers, but together with families, they are the voice of the elderly."

The mandate for Baycrest's board, says Cole, is to find new ways to enhance the contribution of all Baycrest's partners at every level.

JNF gives seniors gifts

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Residents of Jewish seniors residences in three Ontario cities recently had a sweet surprise when regional Jewish National Fund emissary, Yoram Gordon, came calling.

Of course, Gordon came to spread the message of the JNF and its work in Israel in reclaiming land, planting trees and settling immigrants.

But along with the message, came a gift.

"We are always asking the community to do something for us," he observed. "Why, for a change, shouldn't JNF do something for the community?"

And so, with the help of local Hebrew school students Gordon distributed baskets of dried fruit to the residents along with blue JNF boxes.

At Hamilton's Shalom Village, four Grade 8 students from the Hamilton Hebrew Academy presented each resident with a fruit basket, while principal Rabbi Zeeb Eisenstein entertained with a story.

In London, Hebrew Day School students under principal Donna Glaser not only distributed the baskets but also presented a play about Tu b'Shevat. In Windsor, students of the afternoon Hebrew school distributed baskets at the residence adjacent to the JCC.

The project "was very welcome," said Gordon, who will be interviewed by Zelda Young about Ontario's smaller Jewish communities on City TV, Feb. 28 at 12:20 p.m.

Shoshana Cardin named chair of special Israel Bonds campaign

TORONTO —

Shoshana S. Cardin, chair of the National Jewish Centre for Learning and Leadership, will serve as honorary chair of the 1993 Israel Bonds Golda Meir Club campaign.

"Shoshana Cardin has devoted her life to the upbuilding of the Jewish State and the uplifting of the Jewish people. We are confident that as honorary chair, Shoshana will strive towards the fulfilment of Golda Meir's vision, which foresaw the exciting implications resulting from the ingathering of new immigrants," said women's division chair Evelyn Schachter.

In keeping with the late Israeli leader's emphasis on the absorption of new immigrants, the Golda Meir Club will conduct a special campaign in 1993 to honor women who "are helping to bring the miracle of aliyah to fruition," said Schachter.

SINGLES EVENTS

Singles Events is an advertising feauture of The Canadian Jewish News. ***Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.*** *For rates or to place an ad, please call Alan at 422-2528.*

Atideynu Lodge (20's and 30's) presents: Skating on Sunday, February 28 at 1:00pm. Harbourfront. Meeting place outside of skate rental. Sharpen your skates up because you don't want to miss this "icy" event. Bring a friend. Afterwards we will warm up with a cup of hot chocolate. Contact Shari; 222-0272.

Metro Toronto Singles and **Mayfair West Raquet Club** (Chesswood/Sheppard) present our next party. Saturday, February 27. Tennis begins at 7:00pm. Dance 9:00pm. The cost for the tennis and dance is $20.00. The cost is $10.00 after 9:00pm for the dance. Call Marcia, 638-1010, to reserve for tennis or for more information, Sid at 222-7111.

Newly formed group (non-profit) invites you to a dinner dance at an elegant bistro with a live band, Saturday, March 6th. Cocktails- (optional) 7:30pm. Supper- 8:00pm sharp. Limited seating- reserve early. Cost $20.00. Dress code. Call Sonia, 737-4076 or Dorothy 490-1504.

Sharon Ganz & Assoc. present Post-Purim Shabbaton in Toronto. March 12-14. Call Ruth Balofsky, 764-5833, Sharon Ganz, 785-0761.

We are a group of single men/women who meet to discuss interpersonal relationships and sexuality. Next meeting: March 4th. Time: 7:30pm. **Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst**. Cost: $5.00. Refreshments served. All ages welcome. Evelyn Lazar - 781-9245.

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Real estate agents donate fees to help less fortunate

By LORI DENNIS

In keeping with the socially conscious decade of the '90s, two young Jewish Toronto real estate agents have devised an innovative plan to help those less fortunate than themselves.

As of Jan. 1, 1993, Pamela Rich, 25, and her partner David Batori, 23, of Randy Kalef Real Estate, began donating $1,000 of their commissions from each of their sales and listings to local charitable foundations. The donations will be endowed in their client's name and will be given to a benefactor of the client's choice.

While Rich and Batori, who specialize in the North York and Thornhill areas, would like to direct the money to the Starlight Foundation — a non-profit organization that grants wishes to terminally-ill children — they undersand that their clients will have their own preferences and they will honor their decisions. But they do hope that the charities will be local and Jewish, if possible.

Batori believes that he and Rich represent a new breed of real estate agents — concerning themselves more with service and marketing ingenuity rather than the more hard-core, sales-oriented school of real estate agents. As part of their service-oriented approach, they offer a Cancel Anytime Policy, "because we only want to work with clients who want to work with us," says Rich.

New to the field, having both graduated from the real estate course in July of '92, the pair went about searching for a way to springboard into the community, to set them apart from the fierce competition and to attract new clients in their chosen profession.

At the same time, Rich was personally seeking a way to be philanthropic within the confines of a round-the-clock work week. "I became very interested in giving my time and support to the Starlight Foundation but found that with my crazy hours, I just couldn't do it. So David and I tried to figure out how we could raise money instead. We decided that we could do it from our sales and our idea evolved from there," Rich explains.

Since he was a teenager, Batori has been community-minded. At 19, he was helping to rehabilitate stroke victims in the pool centre at Baycrest and over the years he has donated his time and energies at food banks, volunteered at the North York General Hospital and canvassed for Operation Exodus. Since working, Batori has made it a personal policy to give 10 percent of his earnings to charity, including $20 each month that he directs toward sponsoring a child in Ethiopia.

'It's our way of saying thank you'

Rich and Batori — who have become good buddies as well as business partners — decided on this donation scheme as their way of giving back to the community. "It's our way of saying thank you for all that we have," explains Rich. "We're both young, healthy and we have so much to be thankful for. We always want to keep a healthy perspective on life and not get caught up in the materialism and greed that surrounds us. We decided that when anything positive happens in our life — like making a deal — we want to share it with others."

This past Rosh Hashanah, Rich was greatly affected by a rabbi's sermon about a young lawyer whose wife recently passed away and in his period of mourning asked the rabbi, "Why me? Why should such a terrible thing happen to me?" The rabbi turned to the lawyer and said, "Tell me. When your wife was in good health and you had a thriving law practice and three beautiful daughters, did you also ask 'Why me?' "

"The point of the story," says Rich, "was to make us aware of what we have, of how lucky we are and to never take that for granted. I'll never forget that story. It really made a difference in how I view my own life," she claims.

As far as they know, their philanthropic plan is not being carried out by anyone else in Toronto but they have heard of others in New York and Los Angeles doing something similar. Their broker, Randy Kalef, who has been in the business for the past 18 years — as an agent with Harvey Kalles Real Estate for 15 years and as an independent for the past three — is very excited about their plan and hopes that it will catch on within the community.

Rich is hoping that this opportunity will also serve as a reminder of their clients' good fortune and encourage them to continue to give in any way they can.

"We know that people just can't make charity a priority in these recessionary times. So this is our way of showing our appreciation to our clients by donating money out of our pocket on their behalf," says Batori.

Although their plan hasn't been tested as yet, the media has eagerly picked up on their efforts. CFNY invited Rich to talk about their idea on air and has encouraged her to keep in touch. They're also in the process of printing flyers and contacting other stations, like CITY-TV, to help them spread the word.

Their goal for this year is to raise $24,000 — with the optimistic view of doing two deals a month.

Although they're both young, single and just starting out in their professional lives, Rich and Batori are demonstrating a wisdom beyond their years. "I know that life is short and I'm lucky that I have my health and that I can work. I always want to remind myself of this good fortune and as long as I'm doing great, I want to share it with others. That's what happiness is all about for me," proffers Rich.

Co-sponsors of the concert From Russia With Love are (from left) Barbara Lew, Annette Hess, Marlene Sklar, Marsha Slavens and Mindy Rosenberg.

Russian performers entertain newcomers

TORONTO —

Over 200 people attended a concert at Council House Feb. 4 by professional musical performers from the former Soviet Union for other Russian newcomers and Canadians.

From Russia With Love was organized and co-sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women-Toronto Section Thornhill study group, the Russian integration committee (RIC) of Jewish Women's Federation, and the Community Integration Program (CIP) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Jewish Community Centre of Toronto.

The concert was a mix of Jewish and Russian, classical and popular, sophisticated and down-to-earth entertainment. Oleg Sergeev made a debonair Master of Ceremonies.

Baroque Jazz opened the program with their interpretation of classical compositions in a jazz mode. Sister pianists/keyboard players Larisa and Ludmilla Pashanov were accompanied by bass-guitarist Sergei Sederenko.

Eleven-year-old Elina Kelebeeva was a great favorite of the audience with her performance of Chopin's *Brilliant Variations*. Violinist Alex Matus, in Canada only five months, performed his first concert since arriving. He took on the challenging *Baal Shem Suite* and richly interpreted its mysterious beauty. Act II was devoted to songs by two of the stars of *Russians on Broadway*, Igor Portnoi and Anna Shafajinskaia.

The Russian Integration Committee co-ordinates integration programs for groups of newly arrived Russians. For further information contact Roberta Newman at 631-5737.

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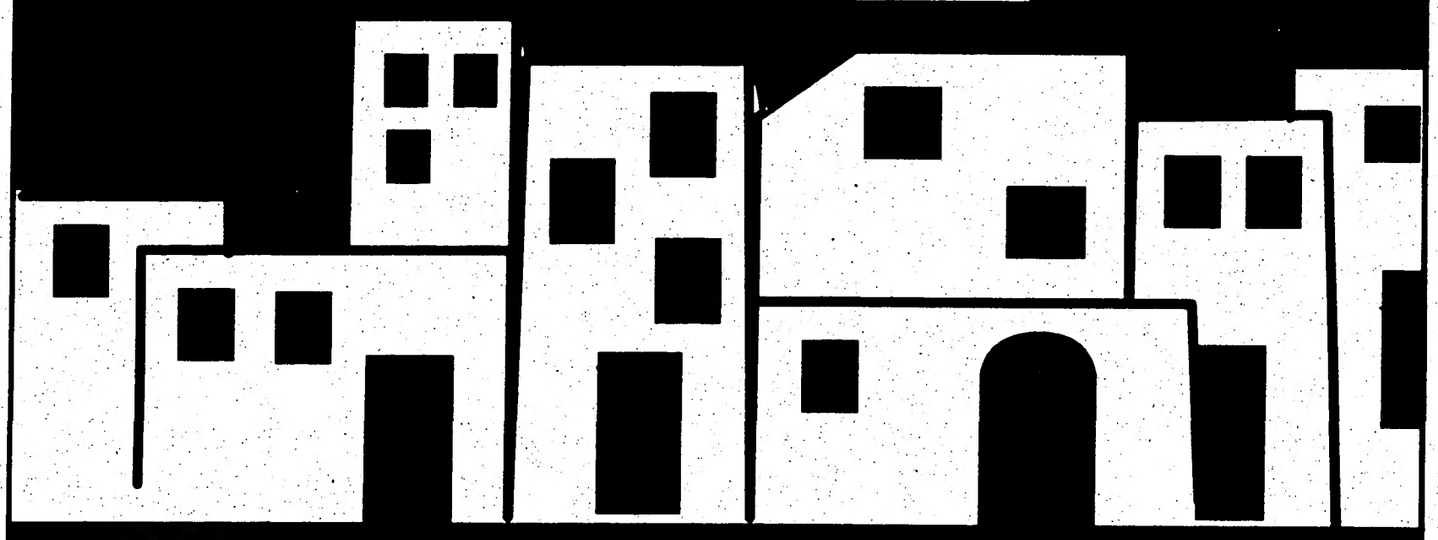

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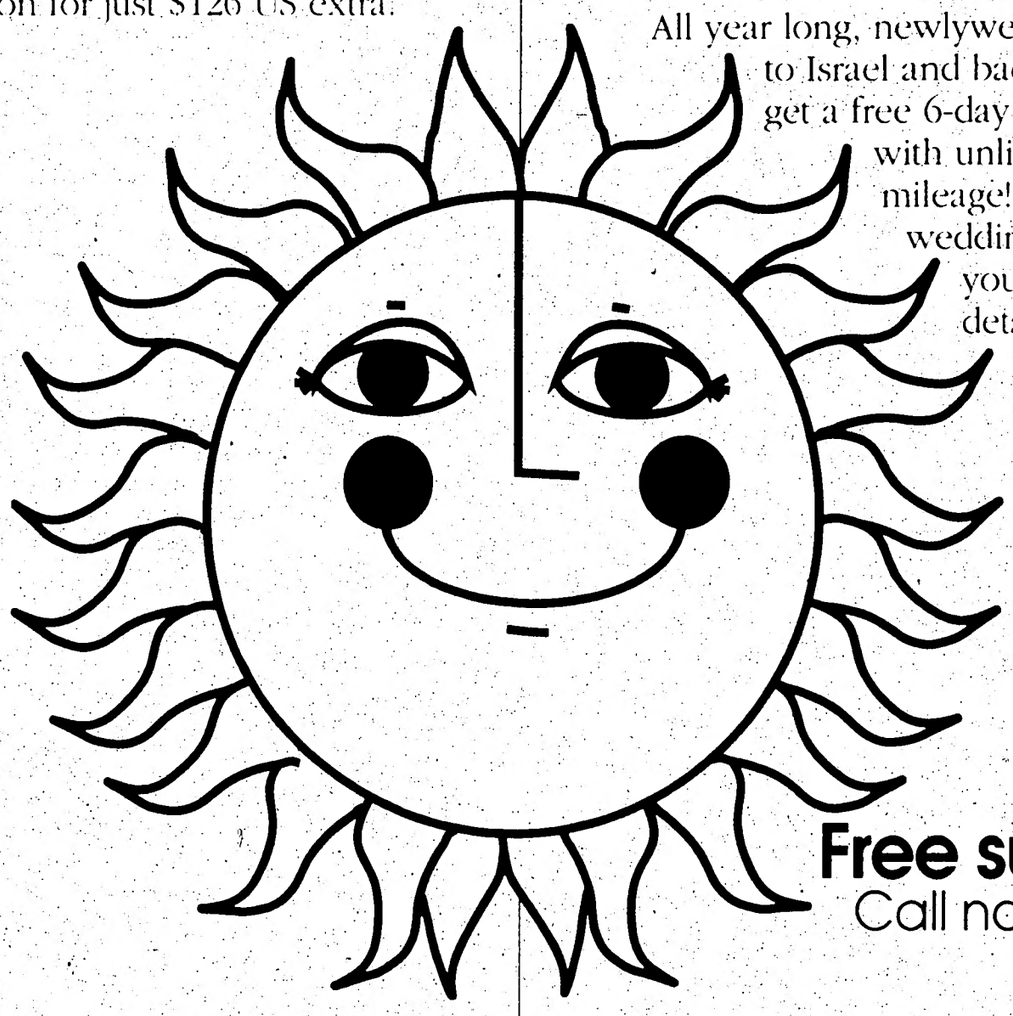

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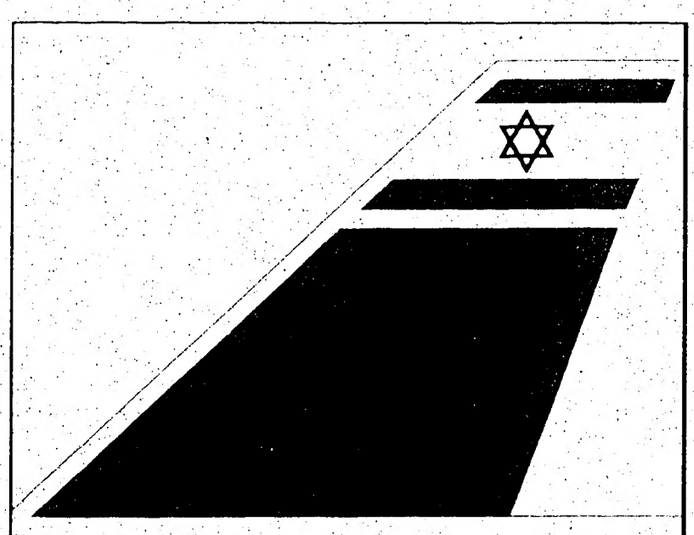

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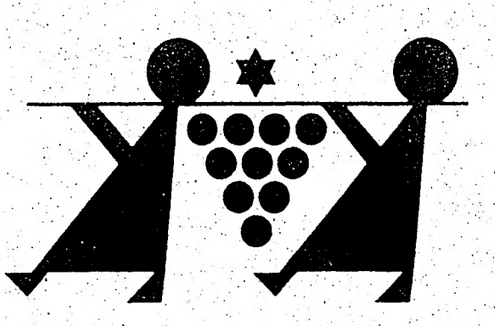

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RESIDENCE OPENS

North York councillor and deputy mayor Judy Sgro presented a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Nehama Baum, executive director of the Muki Baum Association, at the opening of the association's new high-support residential program. Ceremonies were held at 379 Brooke Ave., one of two group homes currently run by the association. It is a kosher home housing five adults who suffer from both developmental disabilities as well as psychological and emotional disorders. With Baum is Kevin Watson, association president.

Doctor's self-help books help to deal with cancer

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

To receive information about cancer direct from doctors in practice, the Intelligent Patient Guide (IPG) has created a series of self-help medical books.

Recently off the press in the series is, *Prostate Cancer: All you need to know to take an active part in your treatment*, (Friesen Printers, Vancouver, B.C.) by urologist, Dr. S. Larry Goldenberg, an associate professor at the University of British Columbia, and a staff person at St. Paul's hospital and the British Columbia Cancer Agency in Vancouver.

Although we all know friends, or loved ones who are battling with or have died of cancer, few people know what cancer really is, says Dr. Michael Pezim, a contributing author associated with the Intelligent Patient Guide.

Goldenberg attended the Associated Hebrew Day School of Toronto, the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and he was awarded several scholarships including a scholarship in Torah. He received his medical degree from the University of Toronto and completed surgical training in urology at the University of British Columbia.

Goldenberg, who received a Terry Fox research fellow in cancer endocrinology at the British Columbia Cancer Research Centre prior to going into private practice in Vancouver, has answered many of the questions that plague cancer patients and their families.

Beginning with why and how cancers start and grow, he traces its many facets including the choices a surgeon must make during surgery. Most people feel helpless and frustrated and unable to contribute to their own treatment plan, notes Pezim in the introduction to the book. He adds that this book, and others in the series, will help people make intelligent decisions.

"IPG believes that the public is capable of understanding many of the complexities of medicine — provided the material is properly presented." Therefore, this series is written for those who want to know more about their illness than can be learned through hurried discussions with a busy physician.

More and more people are uncomfortable when they have to rely totally on someone else's opinion, no matter how much of an expert that person is supposed to be. *Prostate Cancer* teaches a deal about malignant diseases. The basic knowledge will equip individuals and families to particpate effectively in therapeutic decision-making.

This comprehensive but easy-to-read book describes the scope of the prostate cancer problem including detection, surgery, and different forms of therapy — radiation, hormone-withdrawl, chemotherapy and new treatment approaches. There are case scenarios, the perspective of a patient, and a listing of support service organizations.

Along with medical and therapeutic aspects of the illness, Goldenberg has included a chapter on living with a cancer diagnosis. The pyschology of coping with cancer adds to the multi-faceted approach to this subject.

Goldenberg concludes that "hope" is a crucial tool for cancer patients and their families. "It is the infernal resource that permits one to accept or better tolerate the stresses associated with diagnosis and treatment," he says. "Loss of hope reduces one's ability to adjust to the situation."

Hope, he adds, is not based on false optimism or benign resassurance, but it is built on the belief better days or moments can come in spite of the situation.

Goldenberg lives in Vancouver with his wife, Dr. Paula Gordon and their two sons, Adam and Michael.

For more information, write to Intelligent Patient Guide Ltd., 320-750 West Broadway, Vancouver, British Columbia V5Z 1H4.

JCC Bloor marking 40th year

TORONTO —

The Jewish Community Centre, Bloor Branch, is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year and tickets to the festivities will go on sale in the spring.

Organizers are expecting over 1,000 people to attend the reunion and proceeds from the $20 tickets will go towards existing programs and the installation of an air conditioner in the auditorium. Money raised at the last reunion, in 1983, helped build a chapel at the Bloor Branch.

Reunion committee members are asking for old pictures, brochures, etc., to add to the archives. Materials brought in will be photocopied and the originals returned.

The tickets will go on sale April 1 and will be sold by committee members and at the JCC's northern and Bloor branches. Cost will be $15 per person.

For information regarding archival material, please contact Luni Bendayen at (416) 924-6211.

Books donated to Kiev academy

TORONTO —

More than 2,000 books in English and Hebrew have been contributed to the Kievo-Mohyla Academy in Kiev, Ukraine, as the result of an appeal in *The CJN* by Professor Stephen Velychenko.

Some of the books will be used in Hebrew courses and in courses on the history of Jews in Ukraine, Russia and Poland, said Velychenko, chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Toronto.

He noted that the academy, a bilingual English-Ukrainian institution, invites applications from professors interested in teaching on a contract basis for one term or an academic year. For further information, write to Velychenko, 100 St. George Street, Toronto, M5S 1A1.

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Park Plaza caters to Sunday functions

A landmark in Toronto for over 50 years, the respected Park Plaza Hotel has recently effected changes which have enhanced its already elegant appearance and expanded its services.

The hotel, which is minutes from downtown Toronto's theatres and concert halls, fashionable shops and the Royal Ontario Museum introduced Always on Sunday on Jan. 10. Now, the Roof Restaurant and The Salon adjacent to it will be available for special functions on Sunday evenings.

The roof of the Park Plaza Hotel overlooks a spectacular view of Toronto and is comprised of the romantic Roof Restaurant, the Roof Salon meeting room, and the Roof Lounge, a favorite haunt of artists and journalists. The Roof Salon of the Park Plaza, with its wood-burning fireplace and floor-to-ceiling conservatory windows is an elegant meeting space and, Always on Sunday, the Roof Salon and the Roof Restaurant are merged to allow for larger gatherings in a truly romantic setting.

Whether you are planning a wedding reception, engagement party or rehearsal dinner, executive chef Dominique Dien and catering manager Michael Rosen offer their expertise to arrange your special occasion to your taste and requirements.

Dien, a native of Lyons, France, is regarded by food critics as one of Canada's top chefs and Rosen has years of experience at major hotels.

The Park Plaza has established a kosher kitchen which is capable of catering for 30 to 300 guests. Both Dien and Rosen are available to help you select a classic gourmet menu, a traditional kosher meal or to advise about wine. The staff at the Park Plaza are happy to work with bridal consultants and to help co-ordinate other aspects of the function. Valet parking service is provided for clients of the hotel.

For larger receptions you may want to use The Roof for your ceremony or pre-dinner gathering and one of the impressive ballrooms downstairs for dinner and dancing.

One of the Park Plaza's added touches is a complimentary bridal suite for each couple who has their reception at the hotel and special room rates are available for out-of-town guests.

In 1990, David Dennis, owner of the hotel, commissioned and personally supervised the restoration of the Plaza Tower. The result is that the 64 guest rooms and 20 suites have the grace and elegance of the original chambers and the sophisticated luxury of modern amenities.

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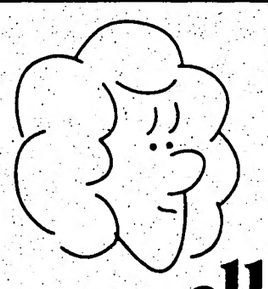

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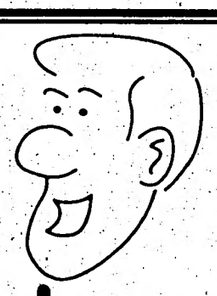

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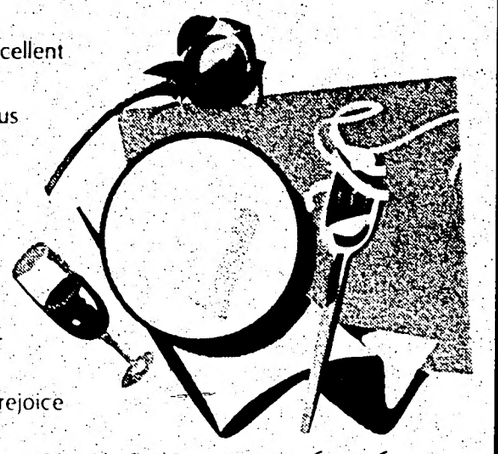

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Store mashgiach Rabbi Ben Solomon is quick to chime in: "Yes, and customers love the fact that our meat is Glatt kosher, and that all the cheese used in our bakery products is chalav yisrael. They like shopping in a large grocery store, with the added benefit of a special area where everything is kosher. And they like knowing that there's always a mashgiach in store, who, as part of the Kashruth Council of Toronto, Orthodox Division, is pleased to answer their questions – that's my job!"

The store prides itself on helping busy cooks cater to a crowd. There's the convenience of a growning variety of prepared foods, including hot bbq chickens, chicken fingers, chicken wings, egg rolls, sliced meats, and middle eastern salads. Many customers drive out of their way to stock up on fresh pizza dough, which can be used to make dinner in a hurry for just about any size group. Also, the pricing on kosher birthday cakes, store made pizzas and Valu Club large size snack foods (many of which have a 'U') helps to ensure that kids' birthday parties do not have to be a 'break the bank' affair.

"We're very excited about some of the changes we'll be making in store over the next month", says Loris. "Our Passover products arrive by early March, and we plan to make sure that if it's new – Food City has it. In the kosher meat department, we're trying out Glatt Kosher grain fed veal, which allows customers to enjoy veal at a less expensive price. Also, we'll be making changes to our produce department, and if you liked it before, you'll **love** it now, with better pricing and variety than ever.

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Glatt kosher meats offered at Miracle

For some years now, certain branches of Miracle Food Mart in Toronto have had kosher meat, under the supervision of COR.

But now, reports spokesman Paul Fortiw, the stores have gone glatt kosher "to better serve a wider population in the kosher community."

And not just glatt.

Miracle is selling federally-inspected meat from Agri Processors in Iowa, in the United States.

The meat is schechted and kashered under the supervision of K'Hal Adas Jeshurun, Breuer's hashgacha.

A Canadian rabbi who went down to see the plant, reports Fortiw, "said he had never seen any *(slaughtering)* so skillfully done."

After purchase, the meat is brought to the Bathurst and Sheppard branch of Miracle for processing into steaks, roasts and other cuts, a procedure carried out under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto.

Besides being acceptable, halachically speaking, to the widest range of kosher consumers, the plant is large enough that a wide range of cuts can be made available.

Minute roasts

"We can buy exactly what we need," Miracle says, pointing out that American and Canadian customers may not want the same thing.

What new things can one find?

For instance, oxtails, used in soup, are becoming very popular here.

(Oxtails, it should be noted, are not really from oxen — they are from beef. Another illusion down the drain.)

Minute roast is another new cut. A cross rib section of the shoulder, it is "small, very lean and cooks up very tasty."

Miami ribs, great for spareribs and sometimes in short supply here, are more readily available, as is prime rib at better prices.

Customers who want particular cuts can ask and the store will try to accommodate them.

Power card

K'Hal Adas Jeshurun meat is available at four of the Toronto branches — Bathurst at Viewmount, Bathurst at Sheppard, Bathurst at Steeles and Don Mills at Steeles.

The branches also currently supply lamb and veal under chassidishe schechta.

However, Miracle's kosher butcher, *(the supervisor of their kosher meat department)* visited Iowa to show Agri Processors how Canadian customers like their lamb and veal cut.

Miracle also has a good supply of Chai kosher chicken and turkey.

An appealing feature of Miracle Food Marts is the extensive kosher grocery lines. Many of their own house brands are under kosher supervision and they have a wide selection of general kosher products.

Recently UltraMart stores introduced the frequent buyer program. Customers receive a free power card and, when presented to the cashiers, they are eligible for a wide range of product discounts.

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Paradise facilities perfect for parties

Whether you're planning an intimate dinner for 10 people or a large party for 1600, the Paradise Banquet and Convention Centre at 7601 Jane St. in Concord is the perfect place.

The Paradise has been in the hospitality business for 32 years and began kosher catering 2 years ago under the Kashruth Council of Toronto. It has now opened its own spearate kosher kitchen, available for any type of function from business dinners to weddings to conventions.

The five separate halls, the original Classic hall which holds up to 420 people, the Palm, the Oasis, the Tivoli and the Tropical with its comfortable setting and palm tree motif are all available either separately, for a smaller affair or a few at a time, depending on the number of people.

Stress over making a wedding vanishes with just one call to Paradise. A complete wedding centre including a florist, photographer, videographer and disc jockey is on the premises and professional staff is always available to help clients

Starlit ceremony

find other services such as bands or entertainment. "When clients come in I sit down with them and help them plan their party from beginning to end. I make sure there are no details left out. I believe in giving everyone personal, individualized service," says Zev Saban, sales manager for kosher catering.

The wedding, which can begin with a starlit ceremony under the newly installed skylight, is made even more elegant by black tuxedo and white glove diningroom service that is standard with every affair. The Classic hall, already beautifully decorated with flowers, just needs table centrepieces to complete the look.

Various delicacies

Menus at the Paradise Banquet and Convention Centre are varied and can range from traditional Jewish fare such as prime rib, roast beef or stuffed chicken to Italian such as vegetable lasagnas, pastas in pareve cream sauces or boneless breast of chicken. "Clients can also work with us and design their own menus. We are willing to try almost anything," says Zev.

Nothing tops off a delicious wedding meal like a scrumptious sweet table and no one knows this better than Paradise. Guests can hardly resist the sweet table, adorned with various delicacies and dominated by a large fruit and ice sculpture. "It is these fine touches that make a party elegant. What makes it good for the hosts, is that there are no hidden costs. Whatever they are quoted at the beginning is the final price. There are no surprises," says Zev.

Chai Poultry upgrades processing facilities

Energetic, looking to the future — this is an apt description of Chai Kosher Poultry, the only plant of its kind in Ontario.

Its 7-year-old, modern, federally inspected plant provides over 6,000 birds a day to the kosher market across Canada. The only place where Chai poultry is not found is the province of Quebec.

Packaged and loose, the company ships chicken, turkeys, cornish hens and stewing hens. Its staff of 53, includes three shochtim (slaughterers) and three mashgichim (kashruth supervisors).

Supervision is from the Kashruth Council of Toronto (COR).

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Ontario raised poultry

Chai is proud to offer turkey in new packaging to give different ideas for healthier cooking.

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Healthy low-fat foods

It processes and delivers daily (even up to three times a day when called for) to neighborhood sites and chain stores, including Perl's Meats, Miracle Food Mart, Food City, Sunnybrook, Loblaws, Highland Farms and Loeb's.

The company has recently undergone major renovations to upgrade and modernize its processing facilities, so as to ensure quality and good, prompt service.

In this day and age, with health conscious consumers turning more and more to healthy, low-fat food, it is comforting to know that those who keep kosher can get high quality, conveniently packaged poultry, prepared under the highest standards of kashrut and cleanliness.

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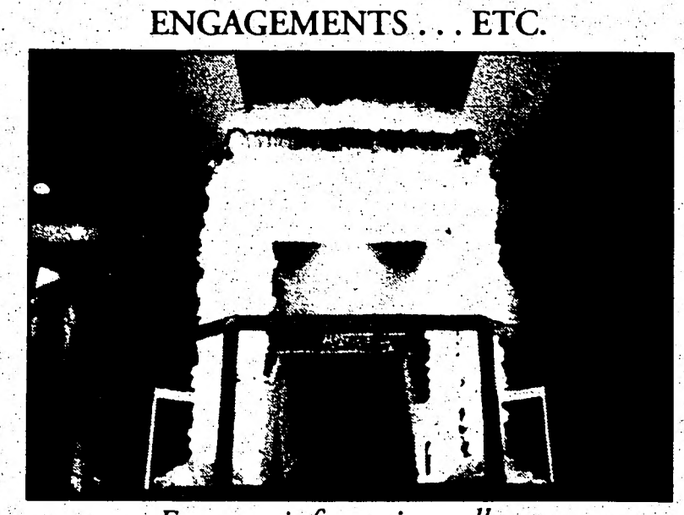

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Baked pareve goods new to Dairy Treats

The key to keeping a successful business successful is never to rest on your laurels, satisfied with what you are doing. You must always be looking for innovative ideas to make sure longtime customers keep coming back, and to entice new ones.

That's what Dairy Treats, at 3522 Bathurst St., between Wilson and Lawrence makes sure it does.

Pretty soon, you will see something very new when you go into the restaurant — the walls will be covered with shelves, showing the products of their new bakery.

Owner Shlomo Esses says that customers kept asking him why the luscious baked goods the restaurant is famous for couldn't be pareve. So he decided to accommodate them.

Take-out goodies

Breads, challahs and pastries will abound — all pareve. As well, there will be croissants, muffins, cupcakes, strudels, pre-packaged cakes and cookies.

But the bakery is not the only new feature. Esses says he wants to also concentrate on take-out goodies.

A cooler will have pre-packed, homemade salads, such as cream cheese with lox or chives, eggplant, and turkish salads and salad dressings ("including our famous salad dressing," Esses promises) and different cheeses, as well as drinks.

"We want to make a lot of takeout," Esses said.

Various pancakes

Of course, the restaurant, with the ever-popular salads, soups, sandwiches and other delicacies is still going strong.

Esses is planning new selections there as well, including eggs florentine (poached eggs on salmon served on English muffins and smothered in a spinach sauce); giant bagel toast; French onion soup; stuffed baked potatoes, broiled salmon and grilled halibut.

Another new feature, one sure to be popular, will be different kinds of pancakes, such as blueberry or chocolate chip.

Dairy Treats will still carry on its catering, with such specialties as crisp vegetable trays with tasty dips.

A catering hotline has been installed, 787-0309.

Dairy Treats is kosher under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto.

Chef credited with success of kitchen

Josef Vonlanthen is a proud man — and justifiably so.

For 23 years executive chef of the Regal Constellation Hotel, located at 900 Dixon Rd. in Etobicoke, Vonlanthen is one of the main reasons for the lasting success of its kosher catering facility.

Other hotels had offered kosher catering before; the Regal Constallation, however, was the first one to have its own, separate kosher kitchen.

(Others had to kasher a part of their regular kitchen — a time-consuming and inconvenient process.)

Swiss-born and trained Vonlanthen worked in the trade in Italy, England, and Paris. Coming to Canada in 1957, he worked at the Westbury Hotel (then considered the best hotel kitchen in Toronto) and at the Delawana Inn.

Spectacular menus

When the kosher kitchen was built in 1981, Vonlanthen oversaw the creation of the spectacular menu.

(He learned about kosher cooking, he says with a twinkle, from working in a synagogue as a youth. "Kosher cooking is very much European cooking, with a few special twists," he notes.)

Jewish customers, he says, usually prefer a choice of entrees, such as veal and duck, or roast beef with honey mustard sauce and a chicken dish. Every effort is made to accommodate each client's preferences.

For instance, he says, for a wedding, the mother and bride come in and discuss the menu with him.

Lighter desserts

Then, they have a trial dinner, with samples of several main courses and desserts, for instance, and changes can be made until everyone is happy.

Appetizers can include such delicacies as marinated gravlax, smoked fish (such as salmon, trout or carp), all beautifully decorated, poached salmon in mustard sauce or hot cucumber salad.

People prefer fresher, lighter, more fruity desserts, the chef says, so current specialties are fresh fruit with ice cream, fruit sorbet, raspberry coulis, or poached pear in port sauce.

Daniel Rosenthal, the new catering manager, comes to the Regal Constellation from Shaarei Shomayim congregation.

He feels that the hotel has proven itself, because of the many repeat affairs they cater.

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Delicious Sephardic fare

Beth Sefarad is pleased to announce that it is now holding regular services at the Sepharad Centre in the Main Exchange Plaza at Steeles and Bathurst.

Maurice Benzacar, a founder and now chairman of the centre, says that it was recently renovated, with mirrored walls and new carpets and lighting.

Kosher City, which is under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto, has been appointed caterer. Kosher City is noted for its scrumptious Sephardic fare, which includes such delicacies as pâtés, stuffed chicken beef in phyllo dough, spicy meatballs, and various salads and desserts.

Kosher City will cater events at the centre's two-level hall, which holds 80 to 100 people comfortably, or in your home. They will deliver the food, and provide waitresses.

All about appliances

As the holidays approach, we should be giving some thought to the condition of our appliances. Prevention is still the most efficient and economical cure.

Ovens are the most utilized appliance at holiday time, so it's a good idea to put your oven through a test before you begin your cooking. I suggest the following steps:

1) Turn on the bake element. It should turn red within 2 minutes.

2) Turn on the broil element. It should turn red within a minute or two.

3) Turn the oven temperature to 200º for at least 20 minutes. The red indicator light should turn off when the temperature has reached the desired setting and turn back on when the oven loses some heat. This will indicate that the thermostat is sensing the temperature properly.

4) Check the oven clock. Does it keep the proper time? The indicator knob should usually be set at "man" or manual. Remember, if it is on "auto" or automatic, it will instruct the clock to turn the oven on only at the time indicated on the clock setting.

5) If you have a touch panel operation on the control panel, do the following:

(a) To start or set up the touch panel, follow the directions in your Use and Care Manual.

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Kedem's cooking wine satisfies kosher tastes

Kedem's Royal Wine Company recently introduced the first kosher version of one of the world's most popular cooking wines to the United States.

Kedem Marsala, produced at Kedem's award-winning Marlboro Winery in upstate New York, is available in retail outlets in a 750 ml. size with a suggested retail price of $5-$6 (U.S.).

A 3-litre size is also available for caterers and restaurants.

The reason Kedem Marsala was developed was to meet the high demand from consumers, caterers and restaurants looking to add Marsala-based recipes to their kosher menus, according to Jay Buchsbaum, Kedem's vice-president, marketing.

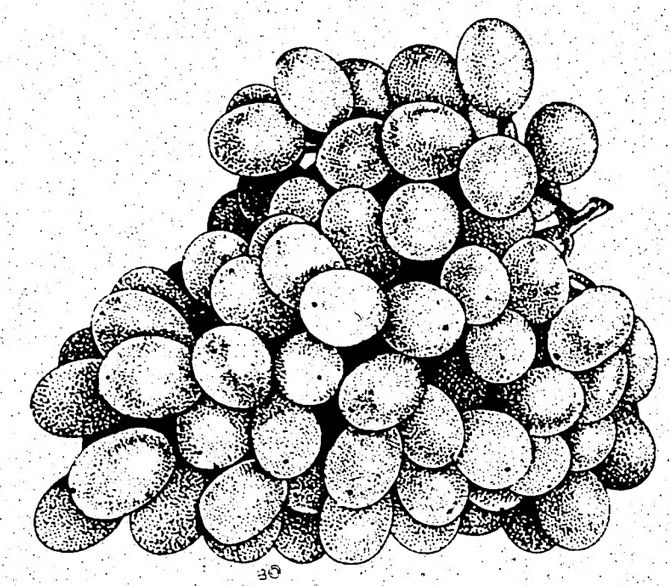
"Kosher consumers have had to search for alternatives to Marsala," Buchsbaum said. "We saw a void in the market and felt we could fill that need with a high-quality product that would satisfy kosher tastes."

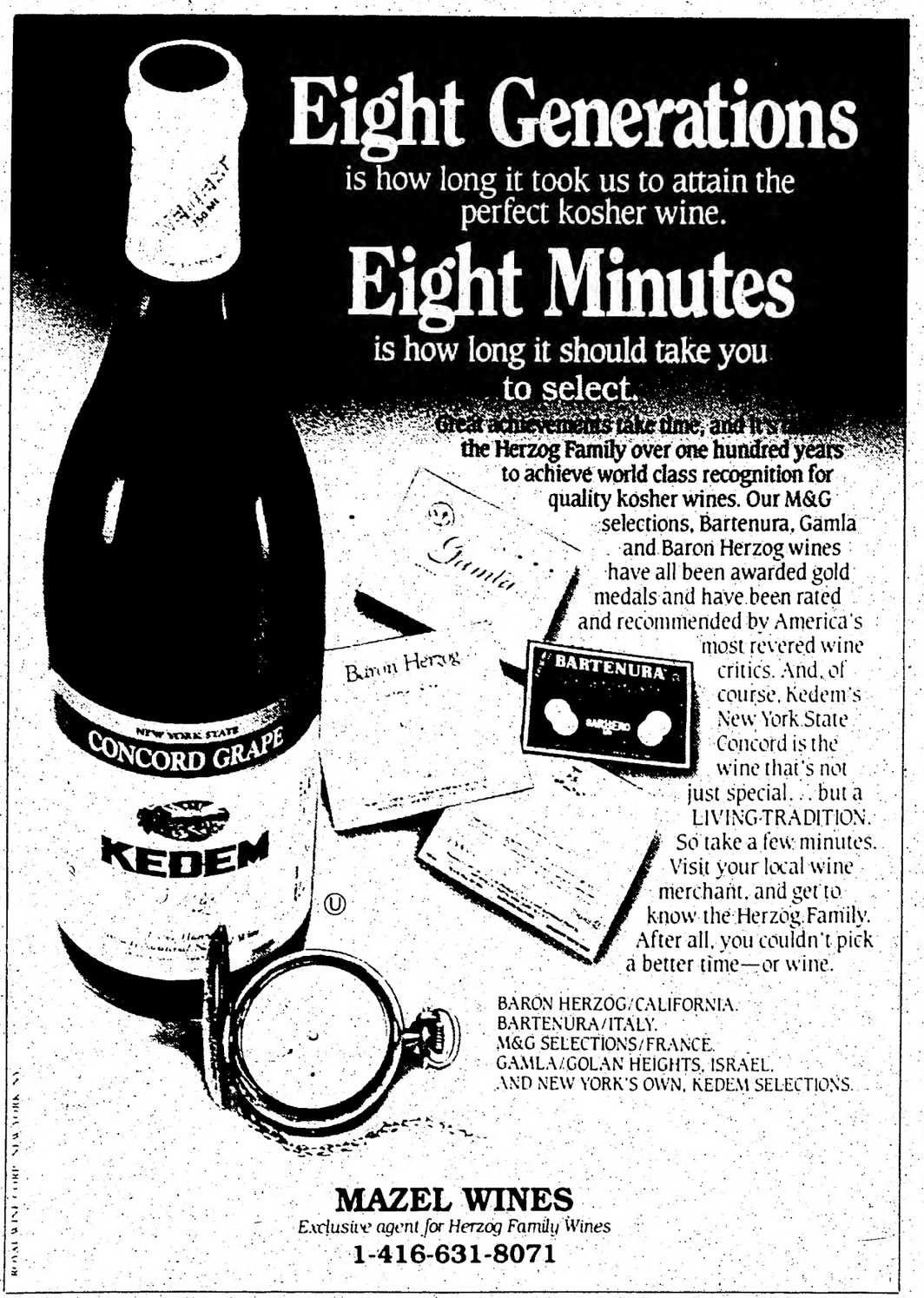
"It took us eight months to formulate the right combination that maintained the best taste but still met our strict standards," Buchsbaum added. "Chief winemaker Michael Herzog worked very hard to perfect a cooking wine that would be of the highest possible quality."

The Kedem Company imports and produces high qualilty wines, champagnes, spirits, non-alcoholic beverages and kosher foods from around the world.

Products from Kedem's three divisions — the Royal Wine Company, Kedem Food Products and KFP International — are available at all fine wine and retail outlets where high quality kosher wine and gourmet food products are sold.

For more information on any of Kedem's wine or food products, please call (718) 384-2400.

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"Seventy percent of our business is in the rental of candy machines," says owner Jack Schnoll. "We have candy floss, sno cones and our newest addition, the mini-donut machine."

The mini-donut machine from The Candy Man is the first kosher pareve machine which produces mini-donuts on the spot and can make as many as is requested. There is an assortment of toppings to choose from (i.e. icing sugar, sprinkles and cinnamon sugar).

"When we are booked for a bar/bat mitzvah or sweet sixteen, our rental services include delivery and assembly and we personally man all the machines," adds Schnoll. "We ensure a fun time and a delicious time and provide unlimited sweets for the sweet."

Something new to look for from The Candy Man is their 3 ft. x 2 ft. long Candy Signs. They create a confectionery masterpiece with the celebrants name(s) spelled out in candy. It's a great enhancer for any sweet table for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs and sweet 16's. The signs start from $100.

Levy's Catering offers exceptional international cuisine

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Now, you can get that same service and quality in a new, refreshing atmosphere.

Catering chair Jack Grossman explains that they feel that it is important, after a religious event, like a wedding or bar or bat mitzvah, that the simcha following should be in the shul, rather than in a hotel.

"Some people are tempted by the luxury of a hotel — but now that our hall has been renovated, they don't have to go elsewhere."

The refurbished hall, decorated in soft tones of mauve, dusty rose and gray, provides an elegant setting in a haymishe atmosphere. We can seat a maximum of 380 guests with dancing, or up to 470 without.

Cocktail reception

As well, together with the attractive lighting, the facility can be smart and desirable for any size affair. A new sound system enhances the enjoyment of all those attending.

There are also other smaller rooms available, such as the mezzanine hall, lounge and boardroom, which are suitable for an anniversary or disco party.

The foyer is the perfect setting for your cocktail reception. Our caterers will provide an extensive selection of cold hors d'oeuvres, beautifully displayed on glass tables, as well as sumptuous hot items passed on silver trays.

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And adding background music is the final touch.

The innovative menus offer a wide variety at competitive prices. You can choose from such delicious items as salmon roulade with saffron sauce (an appetizer), breast of chicken with mango sauce, or apple tart on vanilla anglaise with cinnamon ice.

The customer comes first, and Sharon and Bill are willing to accommodate their special needs in creating an individualized menu.

Grossman notes that Caterers York has "37 years of crowd-pleasing experience, and offers the highest standards of personal attention and service.

"Sharon's father, Micky, earned a reputation for creating the finest kosher cuisine in Toronto, and they continue the tradition."

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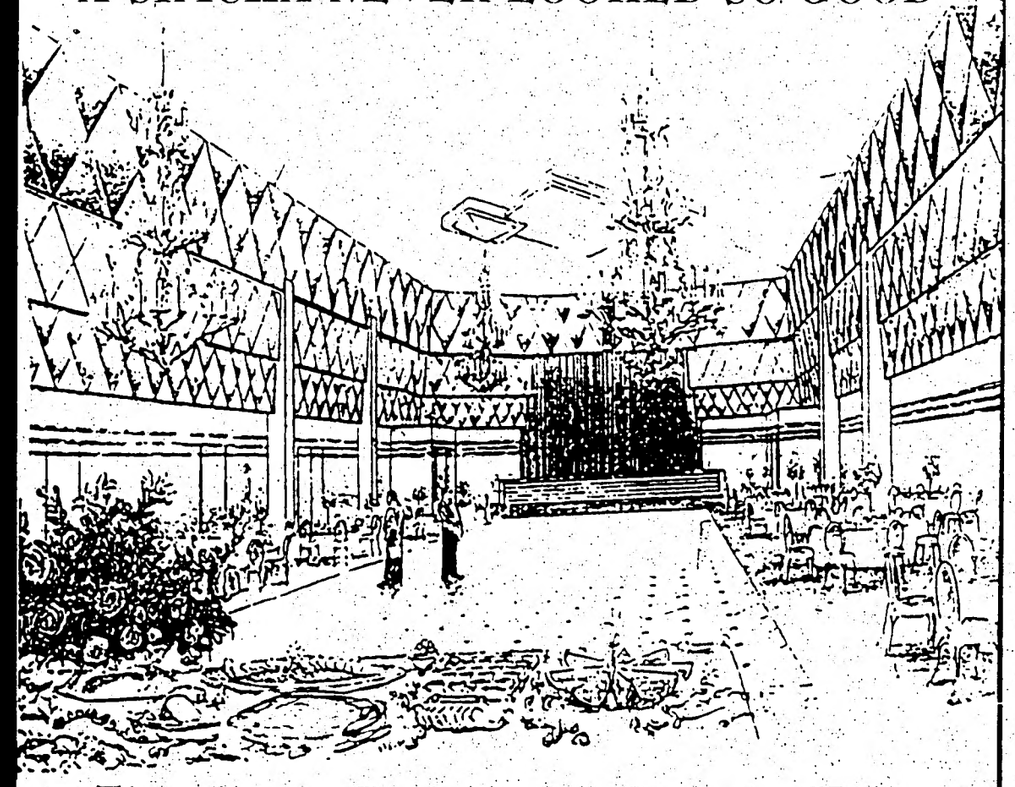

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Marcee's frozen desserts

When Marcee Rosenzweig started her line of kosher frozen desserts she wanted a superb taste at a reasonable price.

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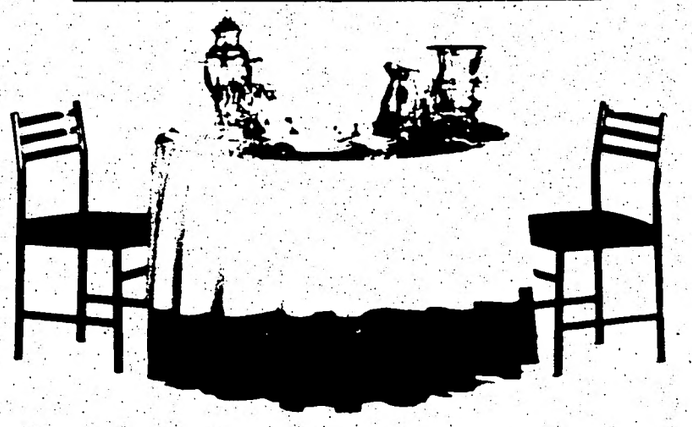

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Arts

Goldstein's play well-crafted

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Who shot the unarmed Arab-American in the back during a stone-throwing riot in the Gaza strip?

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Or was the real crime committed by the Israeli government in an attempt to find a scapegoat to appease the American State Department?

These are questions raised in *The First Casualty of War*, a play by Sam Goldstein of Calgary and winner of the annual play-writing contest sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto theatre committee.

The First Casualty of War receives a rehearsed reading by the Medina Theatre Ensemble, directed by Corinne Copnick, at the Lipa Green Building, Sunday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. A discussion with the author will follow.

This full-length play by the 29-year-old law student is a tense and compelling drama and possibly the first play ever written by a Canadian about Israel.

It's a well-crafted and absorbing piece of work with a surprise twist and a credible sub-plot involving a Palestinian collaborator. It is a searching look at the raw emotions of soldiers facing a moral dilemma. Israeli army procedures for dealing with the intifada while holding to the concept of purity of arms are a revelation in themselves.

Goldstein knows how to write exciting, biting dialogue, even though at times it can be excessive. The Federation contest has uncovered a playwright of undisputed talent.

"I'm not criticizing the Israeli army for what it is doing," Goldstein told *The CJN* by phone from Calgary.

He researched the play through long talks with a Canadian who served in the Israeli army. The playwright himself spent a year in Israel, part of it at the Hebrew University and the rest working on a kibbutz.

A native of Ottawa, Goldstein is the son of Shirley Halperin. He worked for a year as an assistant to the press attache at the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa. "That purged me of any desire to be a Zionist," he said.

"I was disillusioned by the way the Embassy manipulated the Jewish communities in Canada and by the way the communities allowed themselves to be treated in this way."

Goldstein earned an MA in political economics from McMaster University. He says he is realistic enough to know that playwriting in Canada will not earn him a living.

Even after his bitter experience at the Israeli Embassy, he went back to Israel but decided he doesn't want to live there. As a Canadian Jew, he says he thinks there is an unbridgeable gulf between Diaspora Jews and Israelis.

Goldstein identifies more with the character of Avi, the patrol leader who worries about the future of the kibbutzim in Israel and the fading of the pioneer spirit which built the country, than he does with Azuliah, the Canadian volunteer who questions Israeli tactics.

The First Casualty of War offers an authentic and incisive glimpse into the power struggle between career Israeli army officers trying to contain the intifada, and the politicos who march to the beat of the media's drums.

Books

By BERNARD BASKIN

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This is a compilation of more than 5,000 memorable, witty and mordant quotations from women past and present. Maggio has skillfully culled the insights and sage comments of more than 1,300 women from six continents and many centuries on more than 800 subjects. The result is an original and sparkling compendium that serves both as an essential reference as well as a browser's delight.

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• "What one Christian does is his own responsibility, what one Jew does is thrown back at all Jews." — Anne Frank

• "The gender of God, God's presumed masculinity, has functioned as the ultimate religious legitimization of the unjust social structures which victimize women." — Sandra Schneiders

• "The test of a civilization is in the way that it cares for its helpless members." — Pearl Buck

• "A gossip is one who talks to you about others; a bore is one who talks to you about himself; a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself." — Lisa Kirk

• "Too many talk together under the same roof for many years, yet never really meet; and two others at first speech are old friends." — Mary Catherwood

• "Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon." — Susan Ertz

• "I am one of those people who just can't help getting a kick out of life — even when it's a kick in the teeth." — Polly Adler

• "There are men I could spend eternity with. But not this life." — Kathleen Norris

• "When someone sings his own praises, he always gets the tune too high." — Mary Waldrip

• "I have a brain and a uterus and I use both." — Patricia Schroeder

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Arts

Steinberg's cantata launches Jewish Music Month

By VIVIENNE MUHLING

TORONTO —

A worshipper hunting for a seat at the Temple Sinai erev Shabbat Shira service exclaimed, "It's like Kol Nidre here." He meant that it is rare on nights other than Kol Nidre to find over a thousand congregants eagerly awaiting the service. What brought so many together in worship was the Canadian premiere of Ben Steinberg's cantata, *The Three Festivals* which took the place of the rabbi's sermon, and signaled the start of Jewish Music Month. It was a joyful experience in praise and fellowship that will long be remembered.

Four choirs intermingled on the bima: Temple Sinai's own Congregational and Chamber choirs, the Holy Blossom Temple Singers, and the religious school choirs of both Temple Sinai and Holy Blossom. Cantor Martha Birnbaum came from Rochester, New York, to lend her exquisite soprano voice to the solos. The narrator was Sandy Rinaldo, a Holy Blossom congregant who is best known as CTV news enchor. They were accompanied by Gennady Gefter, flute, David Miller, cello, John Thompson, percussion and Jose Shapero, piano. Ben Steinberg, who is Temple Sinai's music director, conducted his own composition.

The three festivals of the title are Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot, for which Steinberg selected texts that clearly reflect the spirit of each chag. For Pesach, he chose Psalm 114 (B'tseit Yirael), which is a joyful celebration of the Exodus from Egypt. Shavuot is marked by the chanting of the Ten Commandments, the giving of the Law being central to the festival. Sukkot is introduced by a brief Hoshana from the siddur of the traditional Sukkot morning service. Then, finally, and all too soon for the rapt congregation, came Elohim Y'chaneinu and Ra-u Halichotecha — the 67th and 68th Psalms, which, in Steinberg's words, are "Psalms of Praise and celebration of G-d's victory, which stand as monuments to Israel's faith, hope and prophecy."

Three generations from two congregations came together in holy song. Especially stirring were the children whom Rabbi Dolgin, quoting Steinberg, said "guide us to our obligation to observe each of the festivals. They study with the cantor, and teach us throughout, drawing us as listeners into their classroom of ideas through the language of music." Which is exactly what happened. Several people talked of feeling "uplifted." The joy created by Steinberg's cantata, as interpreted by Birnbaum, Sandy Rinaldo, the musicians and melded choirs, resonated as a profound religious and personal experience and generated a heightened awareness of chevrutiut.

The Three Festivals received its world premiere in Los Angeles last year. It will be performed again in Toronto on March 28 at Holy Blossom Temple's Spring Choral Concert.

Eye on Arts

The Canadian premiere of *Esther* will take place at the Leah Posluns Theatre March 4. Based on the biblical story of Esther, this innovative musical blends traditional Eastern European music with the contemporary sounds of pop, rock, reggae and rap.

This ancient story revolves around Esther, an orphan who is chosen by the Persian King Ahashuerus to be his queen. Upon the advice of her uncle, she conceals her Jewishness. When Haman, the king's prime minister, discovers her secret, he orders the execution of all the Jews of Persia. Overcoming all odds, Esther pleads for her people and ultimately saves them.

The play runs until March 28.

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JASS, Jewish Artists Scholarship Society, is bringing Jewish performers back to College Street once a month on JASS Wednesday at the Free Times Cafe, 320 College St.

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Spring concert

Holy Blossom Temple continues its musical season with a Spring Choral Concert on March 28 at 8 p.m.

The program features music of renowned Canadian Jewish composers Helen Greenberg, Srul Irving Glick, Ben Steinberg and Milton Barnes. Holy Blossom Temple Singers and Holy Blossom Children's Choir will join in to present Steinberg's *The Three Festivals*, a cantata celebrating Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot.

The concert takes place at 1950 Bathurst St. Tickets are $15 general admission, $10 seniors and students. Tickets are available at the temple in advance or at the door prior to the concert.

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In recognition of this contribution from the Tanenbaum family, the beaux-arts core of the gallery, built between 1918 and 1926, will now collectively be known as the Tanenbaum Centre of European Art.

Of the $4 million gift, Joey and Toby Tanenbaum are pledging $3 million to launch a major planned giving campaign which will help ensure the long-term financial stability of the gallery. Anne Tanenbaum is donating $1 million to spearhead the final phase of Stage III capital fundraising campaign, which still requires a total of $9 million to meet its target.

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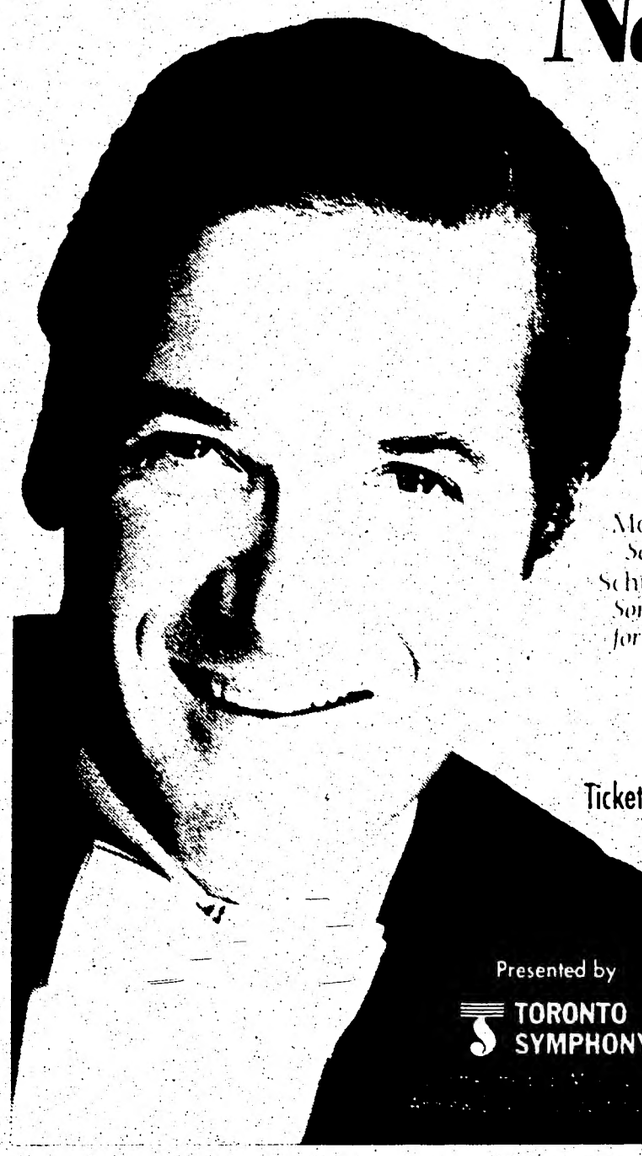
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Arts

Dynamic dance team tackles reality of incest in new work

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO —

Husband and wife Allen Kaeja and Karen Resnick Kaeja are stalwarts in the Toronto independent dance community. Because they are both talented dancers, they often are chosen by choreographers to participate in the creation of new works. They also, however, have their own interest in choreography, and in this capacity, they mounted their latest show *Lost Innocence* at Dancemakers Studio.

In the past, both Kaejas have shown promise as dancemasters; in *Lost Innocence*, their talent has come to a flowering. Stylistically, the two independently seem to have developed a vocabulary that augments dance with physical props to provide symbolic images to heighten the movement. Where they differ is Kaeja's preference to include text.

Lost Innocence is the overall title of the evening but is also the name of Kaeja's new work, a searing documentation of incest that attempts to come to grips with both causes and effects. The theme of lost innocence also pertains to the other two pieces in the concert — Resnick Kaeja's *Pomegranate Dreams*, a "should I/shouldn't I get pregnant" dialogue in dance, and *Auro Choreola*, choreographed and danced by both Kaejas, which cleverly dissects wear and tear on a romantic relationship.

Running 45 minutes, *Lost Innocence* is the most ambitious work on the program. Kaeja spent seven years working with the Children's Aid Society, and based on his experience, has fashioned a work about a true story father/son incest case and the devastating results on the psyches of family members.

The piece is multi-disciplinary; Kaeja also wrote a well-crafted text of both monologues and scenes for the leading characters — the father, son, and therapist (actors Guy Bannerman, J. Brian MacDonald and Patrusha Sarakula) and the mother (dancer Leslie Lindsay). There is also a silent Greek chorus of five dancers whose movement both fills certain scenes as ancillary characters as well as commenting on and expanding the general mood. Resnick Kaeja portrays Lost Innocence itself, sliding in and out of the vignettes as the mirrors and reflects the changing dynamics within the family.

Even with actors Baunerman and MacDonald performing athletic physical activity which thrusts them into the roles of movers as well as actors, the balance tips in favour of the spoken text which dominates and ultimately overwhelms the work as a whole. One focuses on the word with the physical side at times reduced to window dressing; *Lost Innocence* becomes more a play with incidental movement rather than a piece of dance theatre.

Gestures and symbols dominate the vignettes. For example, the mother constantly peeling carrots and choking as she tries to eat them or the rapid-fire interlocking somersaults performed on a tumbling mat by the cast at large, both repeating images, have a stronger impact on the mind than does the generalized movement patterns per se. Nonetheless, the committed cast performed with passion and there is no denying the strength of the work as an overall indictment of a society that is failing its children. Mention should also be made of composer Wende Bartley's evocative soundscape score.

Music/soundscape also plays an important part in *Pomegranate Dreams* and *Auro Choreola*, both using imaginative scores by Brit Besson. These pieces are completely different from *Lost Innocence* because they are squarely on the side of "dance." The writer had seen both works in earlier first draft incarnations and it was most interesting to see these adult versions, as it were.

Pomegranate Dreams, performed by Cheryl Bouzide, Leslie Lindsay and Jessica Runge, has become a well-crafted exploration of both the fascination and the hesitation with becoming pregnant. Resnick Kaeja uses various clever props along with representative movement to make her point. For example, there is the symbol of the skipping rope — an image of childhood — which the women use to tie themselves into knots, to be puppets manoeuvered on a string or to pull along the floor as if linked to a toy. There are also stylized and abstracted images of birthing and pregnancy itself.

By having the three dancers do movement patterns in synchronization at the beginning of the work, Resnick Kaeja establishes a shock factor when one dancer breaks the mold and deviates from her sisters. She is clearly not enamored with pregnancy, a burden represented by the image of an over-flowing laundry basket. All in all, this angst-filled work speaks for all young women like Resnick herself who face the decision of whether a having a baby should interrupt a career.

When last seen *Auro Choreola* was a work that used text to establish the parameters of a mercurial relationship between a man and a woman. In this latest version, the text has vanished, although the dance still stops midstream to portray a mimed romantic dinner that unravels as personalities collide. Both Kaejas are masters of the art of contact improvisation, a dance technique that has men and women equally balance weight with various parts of their bodies instead of the man being the dominant porter/carrier/partner for the women. In their past use of contact improv, the Kaejas found the obviousness of the device difficult to conceal within the flow of movement. In *Auro*, however, they have forged ahead in leaps and bounds in using the technique expressvely, particularly in an erotic sequence of coupling.

In the final analysis, the evening was a most satisfying one because it is always exciting to perceive growth and depth in the work of artists one has been following.

Autobiographical play on homosexuality reveals harsh truths

By GERRY MORRIS

NEW YORK —

The Destiny Of Me is playwright Larry Kramer's frankly autobiographical stocktaking of life as a homosexual in a New York Jewish family.

Afflicted himself with HIV virus (and this could be his last play) Kramer creates as a central character a middle-aged gay activist named Ned Weeks, who is undergoing some blood-cleansing experiments for an AIDS cure on the infectious diseases floor of a military hospital outside Washington, D.C. He is in the process of dying, and is not content to go gentle into the grim night. From his hospital bed he unsmilingly surveys his life in flashback with anger and biting humor.

He recalls himself during his formative years lived in the shadows of the Great Depression, and later as a young man troubled by his growing awareness of his sexual identity. He remembers his philanthropically-oriented mother, who puts the troubles of the world before her unhappy son, because she cannot understand him. And then there's his unforgiving father, trapped in a job he hates, who refers to him as a sissy and occasionally beats him. Lastly, there's his favorite family member, an over-achieving brother who never stops caring about Ned's welfare. But most of all he remembers himself as a young man trying to come to terms with being a homosexual, long before the word "gay" meant anything other than merry.

There is a flashback of his gay life both in and out of the closet, struggling with psychoanalysts trying to "cure" him. Ten psychoanalysts and countless years later he's still at a loss to fathom why a permanent and meaningful relationship has eluded him. "I wanted so much," he says, "a love of my own." Throughout the evening Ned's loneliness is tenderly accentuated by two songs, *Make Believe* and *This Nearly Was Mine*, both with lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II.

This three-hour play is overlong and could benefit from a cut of anywhere up to 45 minutes. The cast is uniformly strong. Jonathan Hadary gives a powerful performance as old Ned, and John Cameron Mitchell does a compelling job as young Ned. That very fine actress Piper Laurie is just right as the mother, and David Spielberg delivers solidly as the insensitive father.

The Destiny Of Me is a play not just about AIDS and death. It also deals with the harsh truths and disappointments of a family in which everyone is different. Written with courageous integrity by Kramer, it is a poignant play, and there are moments that will tear at your heart.

Appearing for an indefinite run at Lucille Lortel Theatre, 121 Christopher St.

For tickets call Telechange (212) 239-6200.

New Israeli cook book strikes the right note

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

Mouth-watering.

That best describes Aldo Nahoum's primer, *The Art of Israeli Cooking* (Hippocrene, $8.95 U.S.)

This scrumptious new book, which was originally published in Hebrew in Tel Aviv, strikes just the right note.

It's eclectic. The recipes are inspired by Ashkenazi and Sephardi cuisine. You'll find recipes for vegetables, salads, soups, fish, poultry, meats and dessert.

And it's basic, without unncessary frills. The recipes are brief and extremely easy to follow. Even an amateur should have no trouble cooking up a storm.

What, you may ask, can you whip up? A few examples will suffice: Grape leaves stuffed with rice. Eggplant in cheese. Potato balls. Kneidel soup. Stuffed carp with almonds. Chicken breast with peaches. Meat balls with groats. Oriental rice pudding. Honey dumplings.

If you're wondering about the author's credentials, Nahoum is a North African Jew who's been a chef for the past 25 years and who runs two apparently successful restaurants in Tel Aviv.

The Art of Israel Cooking is part of a series which consists of *All Along the Danube*, *The Art of Syrian Cooking* and *The Joy of Chinese Cooking*.

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OTHER IN-STORE SPECIALS

Museum offers tours for the blind

By CYNTHIA GASNER

JERUSALEM —

The Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem recently welcomed members of the Alumin Club for the Blind for a special tour.

The tour for blind Russian immigrants was guided by Natasha Katz-Nelson, a new immigrant trained by the museum. The group was encouraged to touch and feel the ancient objects that document the history of Biblical civilizations.

The Alumin Club is unique. It is an all-encompassing community centre run by and serving the blind population of Jerusalem. Situated in the mixed Arab and Jewish neighborhood of Abu-tor, it provides a wide variety of activities for Jews, Arabs and new immigrants.

"This is the first of a series of tours that the group scheduled at the Bible Lands Museum," says Dr. Elie Borowski, founder of the museum and chairman of the board. Borowski, formerly of Toronto, says "The group enjoyed the tour very much and they are excitied to return to the museum again, soon. The museum is dedicated to reaching out to all members of Israeli society, and to tailoring tours and programs to specific needs."

The museum exhibits an extensive collection of artifacts from the ancient Near East. Displayed in chronological order, these treasures are physical evidence of the civilizations mentioned in the Bible.

Many of the larger objects, particularly those of stone and marble, stand independently in the galleries, and it was these pieces that the blind group particularly enjoyed exploring and discovering with their hands.

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A rare bronze figure was one of the masterpieces on loan from a private colleciton for a special exhibit, Judaism and Hellenism: A Clash of Ideals. The figure from 100-200 BCE stands 20 cm in height and depicts Alexander the Great, seen only on coins in Israel.

Also on display was an elaborate gold burial wreath, unique in its beauty. It is from Northern Greece and dated around 300 BCE. Similar wreaths have been found in the tombs of the royal Macedonian family in Vergina.

Such items, as well as a coin with the portrait of Antiochus IV, with the words: "of the King Antiochus God's manifestation," express the ideals of admiration and deification of man and represent the ideals of Hellenism.

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Batya Borowski, wife of Elie Borowski, who is actively involved in the operation of the museum says the museum, which opened last May, "is taking off in leaps and bounds." Many new projects have been inaugurated including children's workshops with a special program that includes a short guided tour for children followed by hands-on creative activities in the workshops, all relating in some way to the museum's exhibitions.

Batya Borowski said that the new programs are bringing in many groups for special functions such as a sing-a-long for all ages.

She added that the blind Russian olim who visited the museum "were so thrilled with their experience that they have already scheduled guided tours for all the other members of the club."

Museums beckon in Berlin

BERLIN —

The ancient Middle East beckons in Berlin, where two of the world's finest museums exhibit exotic treasures from Iraq, Turkey, Egypt and Syria.

The Pergamon Museum and the Bode Museum, both of which are within easy walking distance of each other in eastern Berlin, are equally renowned.

Built in the grand style of a Babylonian temple, the Pergamon Museum celebrates the ethereal architecture of the city state of Pergamon. The centrepiece, the Pergamon Altar, is a magnificent Hellenistic structure dedicated to Zeus and Athena. Excavated by German archeologists in Turkey, it dates back to 160-180 BCE. Writhing with animated figures, its friezes alone are well worth the price of admission.

A feast for the eyes

But there is more, notably the reconstructed Babylonian Processional Street, which leads to the massive Gate of Ishtar.

Used for religious cermonies during the reign of Nebuchadnezzar II, the monarch who conquered Jerusalem and enslaved its Jewish inhabitants, the Babylonian Processional Street is awesome. On high adjacent walls are reliefs of lions. The gate itself, made of blue and ochre tiles, is decorated with dragons and bulls.

Further on, the Islamic art collection is a feast for the eyes, what with its delicate clay figurines and exquisite jewellery.

At the Bode Museum, the era of the pharaohs is highlighted.

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City Council wishes to ensure that its committees, boards and commissions reflect the diverse nature of Toronto's population and invites all residents to consider this opportunity. Applications from women, people with disabilities, native peoples, and racial and ethnic minorities are especially encouraged.

The City of Toronto's procedure requires that anyone interested in appointment, other than incumbents, **MUST** attend an introduction seminar relating to the agency of interest, where application forms will be available. The dates of the seminars are listed below for those agencies for which appointment must be made at this time.

Agency	Time	No. of Vacancies

An Introduction Seminar for the following agencies will be held on **Tuesday, March 9, 1993, in Committee Room #2, City Hall, at the times shown.**

Board of Health (18 month term)	7:00 p.m.	1
Interim Toronto Atmospheric Fund Steering Committee (remainder of term to expire November 30, 1994)	8:00 p.m.	1

An Introduction Seminar for the following agencies will be held on **Wednesday, March 10, 1993, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at the times shown.**

Toronto Electric Commission (two-year term)	7:00 p.m.	2
Economic Development Committee (18 month term)	8:00 p.m.	3*
Assessment Reform Working Group (remainder of term to expire November 30, 1994)	9:00 p.m.	1†

*2 positions representing business; 1 position representing education
†1 position representing residents

An Introduction Seminar for the following agencies will be held on **Thursday, March 11, 1993 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at the times shown.**

Book Awards Selection Committee (2 year term)	7:00 p.m.	2
Committee of Adjustment (remainder of term to expire November 30, 1994)	8:00 p.m.	1
City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation (Cityhome) (term to expire November 30, 1994)	9:00 p.m.	2**

** at least 1 of whom must be a tenant of a Cityhome project

The Nominating Committee of City Council will recommend qualified candidates for these positions. **Only RESIDENTS of the City of Toronto are eligible.** Attendance at the introduction seminar relating to the agency of interest **is a pre-condition to applying for appointment.**

If you have any questions regarding application procedures for the above positions, you may call 392-0476.

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Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations

An introduction seminar for the **Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations** will be held on **Monday, March 29, 1993, at 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., the Council Chamber, City Hall.**

Number of Vacancies: 9 **Term: 18 months**

A Nominating Committee of the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations will recommend qualified candidates for the above positions. If you have any questions regarding application procedures for the **Toronto Mayor's Committee on Community and Race Relations,** you may call **392-7837.**

U.S. economy facing numerous challenges

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The greatest challenge facing newly-installed U.S. President Bill Clinton may not be to end the recession, but to clean up the "mess" resulting from the bursting of the 1980s economic "speculative bubble," a noted U.S. economist stated recently.

Property values have crashed everywhere, including the failed Canary Wharf project in London, said Lester Thurow, dean of MIT's Sloan School of Management. He pointed to creditors next door, in the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, who were voting on a restructuring plan for Olympia and York Developments, whose Canary Wharf development suffered a staggering drop in value.

The problems being faced by the Toronto-based developers are indicative of the crash of the 1980s speculation boom, he said.

Speaking at the enRoute Universal Speakers Forum, Thurow told a business audience of about 1,000 that investing in infrastructure is one way a government can stimulate the economy.

But the U.S. president will face the problem of boosting the economy while trying to avoid being flooded by Pacific Rim imports, he said.

If the U.S economy recovers while Japan is in the doldrums, you would see "a flood of imports" from Asia as occurred in the 1980s, he suggested.

The U.S. economy could be in for a further shock as the former Soviet Union increasingly turns to the world market to sell its minerals and grains, further depressing prices, he said. Thurow predicted that if Russia returns to its 19th century role as the world's biggest grain exporter, U.S. grain farmers might be pushed out of business by a flood of imports.

Thurow said that despite recent dust-ups, European farmers do not present the greatest trade problems for the United States. Mexico is Clinton's biggest problem, he said. With its sizeable economy, its encouragement of foreign investment and its cheap labor, the United States will find itself at a competitive disadvantage vis-a-vis Mexico, he said.

Thurow said a Canadian company pays its Mexican workers $1.05 per hour and gets the same productivity as it does at its Toronto plant where it is paying $14 an hour.

"Now how long are you going to keep the Toronto plant open?" he asked.

Turning to Asia, Thurow asked where the United States' competitive advantages were. "If capital is borrowable, raw materials are buyable and technology is copyable, what are you left with if you want to run a high-wage economy. Only skills."

He warned that those without a high school education in Canada or the United States are doomed to be paid a Third World wage for their labor. If Canada wants to compete in the high frontier area of telecommunications, micro-electronics, civilian aviation and other "brainpower industries," it will have to compete with the Japanese.

Thurow distinguished between the capitalist traditions in Britain, Canada and the United States, which foster "individualistic capitalism," and the Japanese and Germans, who promote "communitarian capitalism."

The latter develop strategies in business groups, planning further into the future than the short-term outlooks of U.S. companies.

He pointed to the joint European development of the Airbus, which cracked the aeronautical market and is grabbing a significant market share from longtime industry leader, Boeing.

Capitalism has a strategic defect as practiced in the United States, he said. Instead of complaining about unfair trading practices, the United States must look further into the future and President Bill Clinton must convince the American people to invest more money into skill development and infrastructure, he said.

Real estate industry adjusts to new reality

By CHRISTOPHER S. RIDABOCK

The following is J. J. Barnicke's observations on the trends affecting the commercial real estate development community and the users of that office and industrial space which houses Metro business.

Is the worst of the 1988-92 recession over? Are we in the early stages of recovery? Does the holidays' shopping retail results signal the return of the consumer to the marketplace? Are the more positive employment results of early January 1992 indicative that things are turning around and, if so, where do we go from here in the commercial, industrial heartland of Canada? So many questions and so few firm answers, at least in this early stage of what is being described cautiously as a delicately balanced up-turn in the economy.

As we look back on 1991 and 1992, we know that the Ontario economy has suffered from approximately 250 industrial plant closings, while the improvement in recent job creation statistics is totally in the service sector. This, perhaps better than anything else, heralds the basic change occurring across the industrial world.

Our economy is now moving ahead in information technology while we are continuing to slow and lose our edge in most areas of manufacturing. Plain and simple, the cost of manufacturing is just too high in Ontario; our manufacturers are overtaxed and our present provincial government is not viewed as either sensitive to the needs of manufacturers, or favorably inclined towards the needs of the business community.

We view these changes as difficult and costly for all real estate sectors in the short term, as our industry adjusts to a new reality. Yet this period also presents an opportunity to re-think future development and adjust now to the demands of the future. Our statistics are revealing an increase in the velocity of office leasing, with demand shifting to smaller and mid-range companies that require facilities near their clients or locations closer to homes of their employees.

With layoffs from traditional employers and the split of service organizations into higher units, a new office space consumer has come into the market at a time when value and quality service are paramount. Today's young professional firm or leading edge high-tech user wants a smaller space, custom fitted to their business, at a bottom line that reflects true rents never seen during the 1980s.

In the central business district, the downsizing of the financial services sector and companies that served it from the core placed large blocks of sub-lease space onto the market from 1989-1991. During the last 18 months this supply of sublet space has gradually reduced from a flood to a trickle.

This reduction has provided some relief for owners of major first-class buildings who have to compete, not only against other landlords, but also against large sub-lessors willing to remove existing lease obligations at greatly reduced prices.

As we look down the road toward 1995-96, the development industry will continue to adjust to a North American demand for office space that may be only one third of the demand levels experienced in the most recent boom years. As a result, we see owners and developers exploring new avenues to find fee management and custom design-build opportunities in both the area of public sector facilities and healthcare.

With our population growing more slowly and baby boomers reaching maturity and maximum purchasing power, developers will also be exploring pockets of demand in retirement housing, healthcare and recreational facilities. Women returning to the workforce in increasing numbers will boost the ranks of dual income households, and change the nature of demand for both residential and commercial infrastructure.

We foresee continued, but much slower, consumption of office space within Toronto's business core, and a very slow and tough recovery for those buildings of lower quality and amenities. Tenants want the best quality, a super deal, long-term landlord staying power and a central, convenient location at a net effective cost that once applied to buildings of far lesser quality.

As a reflection of this fact, the Bloor Market has been hard hit by significant relocation of tenants to other locales, even as far away as Regina, and as such, we will probably not see any speculative building in the Bloor, St. Clair and Eglinton sub-markets during this decade, as economic rents, to offset construction cost, will be difficult to achieve, unless generated by a build-to-suit situation.

Metropolitan Toronto's suburban areas are universally over-built and it will be some years before we reach vacancy levels which will stimulate an interest in speculative development. However, it is in these areas that the newer embryonic companies in various higher tech and service fields are establishing and building a substantial base from which other new companies will be born.

(Christopher S. Ridabock is a principal in J. J. Barnicke Ltd. in Toronto.)

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Venture fund with Walden

JERUSALEM — Yozma has signed another contract to set up a venture capital fund in partnership with a U.S. company.

The new joint venture will be with the San Francisco-based Walden company, which has been managing venture capital funds for 20 years. Walden has so far invested in more than 200 companies in the United States and the Far East.

Yozma, the government's venture capital company, completed its first deal in October with Advent International Corporation of Boston. According to managing director Yigal Erlich, three or four deals are in the pipeline.

The Walden fund will be set up with at least $20 million, of which $8 million will come from Yozma and the remainder will be raised by Walden.

Walden has an option to buy Yozma's share any time during the next five years, at a price based on Yozma's initial investment plus interest and a percentage of the fund's future profits.

According to Erlich, the ministry hopes Walden's long experience in the Far East will allow the fund both to raise money there and to locate joint venture partners for Israeli firms in the region.

The fund's specialty will be Israeli high-tech start-ups.

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TA exchange plunges

JERUSALEM — The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange took a plunge last week, with the leading share index going down four percent in a day of hectic trading.

The slump followed a week of nervous ups and downs, which traders explained as being the result of negative statements by public officials and reaction to declines on Wall Street.

Earlier in the week, Jacob Frenkel, governor of the Bank of Israel, and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat cautioned Israelis about overinvesting in the stock exchange, warning that the market was liable to drop.

Frenkel referred to the recent stock exchange buoyancy as "a bubble," and Shohat pointed out that the exchange was "not an insurance policy."

The slump was also linked to initial declines on Wall Street after U.S. President Bill Clinton announced his new economic program. Although the New York slippage eventually halted, Israeli shares traded on Wall Street fell heavily.

A third cause of the Tel Aviv slump, according to brokers and traders, was a statement made by retired Supreme Court Justice Moshe Beisky in which he accused mutual fund directors of manipulating share prices.

Many Israelis who do not invest directly in the market put money into mutual funds, usually via their bank branch. Each bank naturally promotes its own funds.

Beisky headed a commission that examined the Israeli money markets following the stock market crash in 1982. At the time, bank shares collapsed and the government was forced, in effect, to bail out the banks using taxpayers' money.

The former justice maintained that the central recommendations of his commission were never implemented. Most specifically, Beisky urged that banks not be permitted to promote their own funds by offering incentives, such as giving customers generous credit in order to invest in the funds.

Beisky claims the banks are still far too closely linked to the stock market through their running of mutual funds.

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CoL increases

TEL AVIV — Israel's cost of living rose by 1.3 percent during Jasnuary.

Most of the increase, 1.1 percent, was due to steeper housing expenses and construction costs, related to the devaluation of the shekel compared to the dollar.

The cost of living index for January was published as the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange recovered from a jittery week that saw sharp declines in share prices.

The fall in the market was apparently due to unsettling comments made by Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Bank of Israel governor Jacob Frankel.

Discussing a steady increase in share prices during recent months, the two economic leaders sought to warn unwary investors against using their savings or taking out loans in order to buy stocks in the rising market.

Frankel warned would-be investors that "the Stock Exchange is a balloon — what goes up can come down again." And Shohat warned that the Stock Exchange was not an insurance company guaranteeing large profits.

Scared investors listened to these remarks and rushed to sell stocks they had bought, causing the market to dip.

After explanations by Shohat and Frankel, investors returned to the exchange to buy again, and stocks rose almost to the levels they had been before the mini-panic.

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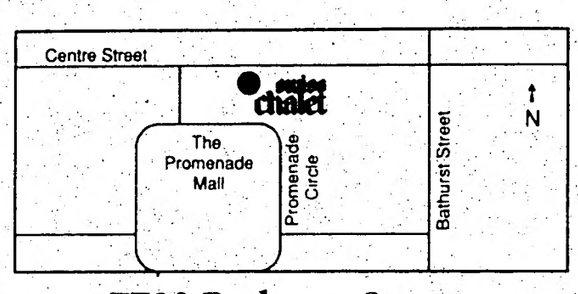

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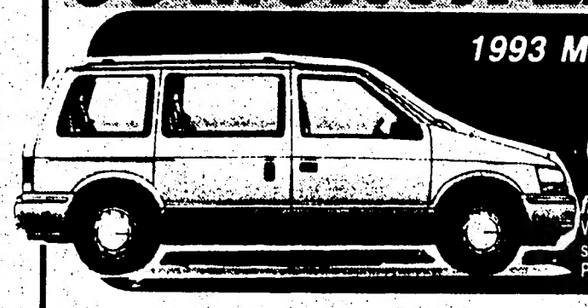

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Lower interest rates cause investment woes

By MURRAY REIMER

Interest rates aren't what they used to be and this simple fact is causing a lot of Canadians to ponder where to invest their retirement savings in 1993.

It's no longer acceptable to leave RRSP money in GICs, which today are paying out low returns because of single digit interest rates.

But on the other hand, the recession is still here and many of my clients aren't comfortable with making a full contribution to an equity investment.

You may feel the same way.

In my view, the best solution for conservative RRSP investors today is to consider a bond or balanced fund, which can deliver the promise of better returns but still offer the higher level of security of fixed income investments, backed by the Government of Canada.

As the name suggests, bond funds invest in high quality bonds issued by the federal government, provincial governments and/or corporations. Depending on the fund, a portion may also be invested in short-term notes (like treasury bills), mortgage backed securities and/or equities (common stocks or dividend-paying common and preferred stocks).

How have bond funds performed? To cite an example: Industrial Bond Fund from Mackenzie Financial Corporation earned these average annual returns to December 31, 1992: one year 8.4 percent, two years 14.3 percent, three years 11.0 percent and since inception, 11.2 percent.

Sustained economic recovery

How will bonds perform in the future? Most professional money managers agree there is still room for Canadian bonds to grow based on interest rate trends. This should translate into healthy returns for bond fund investors.

The other choice is income or balanced mutual funds. Income funds hold bonds and stocks, to offer interest income and the added potential of capital appreciation. The ratio of bonds to stocks can vary from fund to fund and is usually reported in the fund's statements. Balanced funds hold both bonds and stocks in a proportion that changes with the state of the economy and the outlook for both investment sectors. For example, Industrial Balanced Fund from Mackenzie holds bonds and stocks in a 40-60 or 60-40 split, depending on the manager's view of each sector.

Due to the equity exposure, balanced and income funds are in an excellent position to earn substantial returns as part of a sustained economic recovery. And this is while maintaining a significant part of the fund in bonds with the face value backed by the Government of Canada. Take a look at the asset holdings of Industrial Income Fund, Industrial Bond Fund and Industrial Balanced Fund, three choices I intend to present to my clients this RRSP season. My advice for RRSP investors is to look carefully at any investment you make this year. It's important not to lock yourself in at low interest rates. To fully realize the wealth-creating potential of your RRSP, look closely at mutual funds with significant bond and/or equity components.

(Murray Reimer is president of Reimer Financial Services and is a chartered financial planner in Clearbrook, British Columbia.)

Legislation allows control of locked-in pensions

By JACK LADOUCEUR

Locked-in pensions. Ask many who have them, and you'll hear the same thing: they're arbitrary, inflexible and unfair, forcing employees to keep money inside a pension plan over which they have no control, until age 65.

But here's some good news: Quebec and Ontario both passed legislation which allows you to keep control of your locked-in pension money and invest it, any way you see fit, under a tax-shelter called a Life Income Fund. Other provinces are expected to approve the LIF in 1993.

With a Life Income Fund, you can retain control of previously annuity-bound company pension plans, locked-in retirement accounts and locked in Registered Retirement Savings Plans while withdrawing an are not actual investments. They're tax shelters and, as such, protect the assets from tax. The main difference is a Life Income Fund has both a minimum and a maximum amount that can be withdrawn each year (note: although the basic principles of amount each year to provide yourself with a retirement income. Once the money is held by a Life Income Fund, it can be withdrawn on an installment basis, either annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly, at your discretion, to meet your needs.

Should be invested in a prudent fashion

Like RRIFs, Life Income Funds LIFs could be the same in all provinces, some points will differ. For example, Ontario has a minimum age of 55, while Quebec has no minimum age).

So, getting your money unlocked is now a lot easier, at least if you live in Ontario or Quebec. But once you convert to a Life Income Fund, the next question is where to invest the assets for the right balance of income, growth and safety?

Like an RRSP or a RRIF, life income funds should be invested in a prudent, diversified fashion. Many people are choosing mutual funds, which can satisfy your needs for capital appreciation and security.

One popular choice: the mutual funds from Mackenzie Financial Corporation, which manages more than 20 funds that are LIF-eligible.

Whatever choice you make, make sure you consult with an independent mutual fund dealer or stockbroker before setting up a Life Income Fund and investing your savings.

(Jacques Ladouceur is a financial advisor with Levesque Beaubien in Joliette, Quebec.)

What to look for in mutual funds

Mutual funds are the growing choice of Canadian RRSP investors in the 1990s: more than $70 billion is now managed by Canada's mutual fund companies.

If you're in the market for a mutual fund RRSP this year, you'll likely be faced with a barrage of marketing messages. To help sort through the information, here's a primer on what to look for in your mutual fund manager or fund group:

— **Experience and performance.** You want a money manager with a superior long-term record — one who has seen it all: recessions, the boom times and a flat market. Short-term records tell nothing of the manager's ability to pick investments under difficult economic scenarios. It's best to choose a manager who has amassed an exceptional long-term record.

— **Choice.** Choose a mutual fund company that manages many different types of mutual funds. And work within that manager's "family" of funds to assemble a balanced portfolio. Even if you think you only need an equity or fixed income fund now, needs can change and you want flexibility and choice for the long term. You will also want to consider a manager who offers RRSP-eligible foreign content funds.

— **Service.** Find a manager who provides you with ongoing information about market trends and about your portfolio. Begin by asking if the company maintains a toll-free customer service telephone line and whether it's staffed by knowledgeable investment administrators. Ask about tax receipts. Does the manager have administrative systems in place to provide these on a timely basis? And what about pre-authorized chequing plans that allow you to invest in installments? Are they available and are they free of charge?

— **Management philosophy.** Protection of capital should be the cornerstone of the manager's philosophy, whether the manager is directing a bond fund or an emerging growth fund portfolio.

— **Independent advice.** Assess the mutual fund on the basis of how it's sold. If it's sold by an independent financial expert who is qualified to give advice, this may be preferable to a captive, in-house sales agent who carries only one line of funds. Assistance from an independent investment fund dealer or stockbroker can help you to build greater returns — returns that satisfy your personal goals.

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The Cemeteries Act (Revised)
Notice of Filing of By-Law of the Kieltzer Sick Benefit Society of Toronto

Take Notice that the Kieltzer Sick Benefit Society of Toronto has filed for approval with the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial relations- Cemeteries Branch, pursuant to The Cemeteries Act (Revised) a by-law for the operation of its cemeteries, including sale of Interment Rights.

All Interested Persons may inspect the proposed by-law and make copies of it at the offices of The Kieltzer Sick Benefit Society of Toronto, 225 Viewmount Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

The Proposed By-Law is subject to the approval of the Registrar appointed pursuant to The Cemeteries Act (Revised).

Dated at the City of Toronto, February 15, 1993.

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Author explores Canadian Jews' past

BY SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Gerald Tulchinsky is the first to admit that Canadian Jewry has received insufficient attention from historians.

Only a handful of books have appeared on the topic — from Benjamin Sack's *History of the Jews in Canada* to Irving Abella's *A Coat of Many Colours.*

Tulchinsky, a professor of history at Queen's University, has written the latest such work, *Taking Root: The Origins of the Canadian Jewish Community* (Lester, $32.95), which was published in December.

"It's kind of surprising that there have been so few," said Tulchinsky in an interview to promote his book. "It's really a fascinating subject. The Jewish experience in Canada unfolds against the backdrop of two radically competing cultures — French and English — and this factor directly impinged on Jews."

Taking Root covers a period of some 160 years, from the opening of the first synagogue in the 18th century to the major transformations which shaped the community between 1900 and 1920 — mass immigration, occupational diversification and broadened national and religious identification.

Tulchinsky feels his book is different, given the way he weaved the threads of Canadian Jewish history into the wider fabric of Canadian political, economic and social development.

Tulchinsky started *Taking Root* 12 years ago. His challenge was to master the sources, while his ultimate objective was to contexualize Canadian Jewish history in as clear and lucid a manner as possible.

He consulted archives all across the country, as well as letters, diaries, synagogue records, newspapers and biographies.

Having finished his research, Tulchinsky got down to the business of putting it into a lucid and accessible assemblage of words. He wrote seven drafts, modifying, refining, clarifying, before he was satisfied with the manuscript.

Taking Root will interest a diverse audience.

Tulchinsky writes of the formation of Canada's first synagogue in Montreal in December 1768, of the role Jewish merchants played in Montreal's nascent economy, of the career of fur trader Aaron Hart, "the most successful of Canada's first Jewish settlers."

Jews, he notes, were "essentially middle-class urbanites," although Canada would be home to 700 Jewish farm families by 1921.

In the mid-Victorian era, Jews were generally marginal in the business world. With some notable exceptions, they were petty and transitory retailers or pedlars of jewelry, fancy goods, tobacco and cheap clothing.

Tulchinsky says they were absent from the "dynamic sectors" of the economy — shipbuilding, flour milling, sugar refining and iron fabrication.

It was only after the 1880s that a new class of Jewish clothing manufacturers emerged — Harris Vineberg, Mark Workman, Lyon Cohen, among others.

Yet the needle trade, Tulchinsky adds, created "long-lasting divisions" within the community, as factory owners and workers clashed in periodic strikes.

Tulchinsky brings to light the curious fact that Victoria was the second-largest Jewish community in British North America in the 1860s. In passing, he mentions Victoria resident Henry Nathan, who in 1871 became the first Jew to sit in the House of Commons.

Jewish immigration in the first two decades of this century rose to unprecedented heights, and has never been equalled. Toronto's Jewish population grew by more than 600 percent; Montreal's by more than 400 percent; Winnipeg's by 800 percent; Vancouver's by nearly 500 percent.

During the late 19th century and early 20th century, Tulchinsky claims, Jews probably suffered less from "serious discrimination" than most enthic groups in Canada.

However, anti-Semitism was part of Canada's "general culture" during that epoch.

In English Canada, Goldwin Smith — a leading intellectual of his day — demeaned and demonized Jews. In Quebec, clerical nationalists regarded Jews with contempt and loathing.

The formation of the Canadian Jewish Congress in 1919, Tulchinsky writes, "marked a major watershed." It enabled Jews of East European origin to serve notice that "they had arrived and that they intended to be an important force in the community thereafter."

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